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Executive Office
Jackson Oct 16 1865

James F. Maury is hereby appointed Private Secretary to the Governor during this session of the Legislature.

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Oct 16 1865

In accordance with article 37 Section 3 of an act entitled "An Act to regulate the Militia" (Code of 1857) I do hereby nominate and appoint James M. Kennard to be Adjutant General on the staff of the Governor of the State of Mississippi.

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office Oct. 19th 1865.

Gentlemen
I am informed that you are the last Inspectors of the State Penitentiary – Have you any report to make of its present condition or suggestions for future action?

Very Respectfully
Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

To
Messrs C. R. Dickson, D. N. Barrow & C. H. Manship.

Executive Office October 19th 1865.

Gentlemen
I am informed that you are the last Trustees of the State Deaf & Dumb Asylum – Have you any report to make of its present condition or suggestions for future action?

Very Respectfully
Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

To Messrs. N. J. Poindexter, A. B. Cabaniss and G. [redacted] Potter.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Oct 20th

Sir

I am informed that Charles Hume, a citizen of Hinds County Mississippi, has been arrested, and is now in the custody of the Military authorities of the United States at this place. As his offence is one that properly belongs to the Courts of Mississippi for adjudication. I respectfully request that he be turned over to the Civil authorities for trial, with such facts as are in your possession connected with the case and also, the names of all witnesses

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Benj G Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

To
W. A. Gordon
Assistant Adjutant General

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Oct. 20th 1865

Sir

I have just received Special Order No 81 Hd Qrs No. 5 of Miss Oct 19th 1865 — I thank you for your prompt and favorable action in case of Wm J. Estes alias Ps and beg to assure you of my sincere disposition to cultivate sentiments of Courtesy and kindness in our intercourse officially and socially

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
Benj G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

To
W. A. Gordon
A. A. Genl.

Executive Office Jackson Miss,
Oct. 20th 1865.

To the Senate and House of Representatives

I herewith transmit the following communications directed to me — for your action.

John Duncan President of Board of Trustees of Blind

Hon. Wm. L. Sharkey ex Provisional Governor

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office, Jackson Miss
Oct. 21st 1865

Mr. Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has this day signed and approved

A Joint Resolution

To authorize the Treasurer to receive any public monies now in the hands of the Provisional Governor of this State

An Act

To change the name of John Randolph Wilkins to John Randolph Wilkings

An Act

To require the Board of Police of Washington County to establish permanently the place where the Courts of said County shall be held

J. P. Mauny
Private Secretary

Benj. G. Humphreys.
Governor of the State of Mississippi
To the Sheriff of Coahoma County — Greeting:

Whereas by the Resignation of James L. Alcorn, Representative from the County of Coahoma, a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term whereof has more than one year to run: And whereas the laws of this State in such cases require that such vacancy shall be filled by election by the people

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your County on Monday the day of next for a Representative from the County of Coahoma to fill out the unexpired term of the said James L. Alcorn: and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct said election in all respects according to law and make due returns thereof to the Secretary of State

In testimony whereof I have thereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be hereunto affixed this 21st day of October A.D. 1865

Seal

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
Oct. 21st 1865

To
Benly Mathews
Columbus Mississippi

Yours is a private remedy in the Courts of Mississippi – Exhaust it, and notify me of any resistance

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Oct. 21st 1865

S. H. Rider
Deputy Sheriff of Copiah County Miss.

Sir

Your favor of 18th inst received – I am desirous to avoid any conflict between the forces of the General Government and the State authorities According to your statement Capt. Pick has made an assault and battery on a citizen of your County – It is his right to give bond for his appearance to the Circuit Court in such form as would be required of any citizen or to have his trial before the magistrate issuing the warrant, whose judicial functions in trying the matter, it is not my province to interfere with.

You did wrong not to allow him to communicate with his friends by telegraph – Give to him every facility for communicating with any person he may desire

Very Respectfully
Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Miss

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Oct. 21st 1865

Sir.

The Sheriff of Warren County Miss. has petitioned me to assist him in procuring for his use the County jail now in the use of the Military authorities of the United States at Vicksburg. In the impoverished condition of our people it is impossible now to provide for the safe keeping of the lawless, unless they can have the use of their public buildings.–

I respectfully request that you return the jail to the Sheriff of Warren and thus enable him to hold his prisoners according to the laws of Mississippi,

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.
Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

To
Major W. A. Gordon
A. A. Genl
A. D. of Miss

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives

The people of the State of Mississippi, at the recent election, called me to the Chief Executive Office of the State. In obedience to that call I appear before you to day for the purpose of taking the oath prescribed by the Constitution for the incumbent of that Office.

In entering upon its duties and responsibilities, with no experience in the administration of civil affairs I am profoundly oppressed by the humiliating sense of my unfitness for the position. But relying upon the Charity and forbearance of my fellow-citizens, and invoking the supporting grace of Almighty God for wisdom and strength. I shall endeavor to discharge those duties honestly and impartially, and with such abilities as I possess, taking as a guide the Constitution and the laws as the only sure and certain means of attaining the great end to which the aims of every patriot should be directed — the peace, the order, the protection and the advancement of society —

I should be wanting in duty and gratitude to my fellow-citizens who have so confidingly entrusted me with the executive powers of the State, were I not to make known my views of the Constitution, the structure of our complex form of Government, and the principles upon which it is founded and should be administered.

The founders of our Republic having achieved their national independence, and finding their first experiment of government under "Articles of Confederation" fast falling into decay and contempt, at home and abroad, from defects common to all leagues, determined to change that federal organization and set in its stead "ordained and established" the "Constitution of the United States". The framers of that instrument were wise and practical statesmen. They knew from experience the weakness of leagues, the nature of government, and felt the necessity of a federal government, its stability and its perpetuity. They intended it as a "protector" of all the foreign affairs and some of the domestic concerns of the people; and to enable it to achieve these ends, certain enumerated powers and rights were "granted" to it by a Constitution, which for the assurance of these rights and powers, was declared to be "the supreme law of the land"; and to guard the people against its usurpations, all the rights and powers not delegated to it, were expressly "reserved to the States or to the people". Such of those rights reserved as were not by State Constitutions excepted from the general powers of government were granted to the States. Such as were excepted were reserved to the people. In the exercise of the powers and rights granted to the Federal Government and in those only, it is the sovereign power of the land.

In the exercise of the powers and rights ~~granted~~ reserved to the States, and not excepted by the people, and in those only, it is the sovereign power, within its territorial limits. In the exercise of the powers and rights excepted from the general powers of government, and those only, the people are sovereign. While the people still retain a residue of sovereignty to themselves, neither of these governments can rightfully exercise any power properly delegated to the other, Upon this threefold division of power is based the sovereignty of the State and Federal Governments and both are designed to protect the people in their public and private, and in their foreign and domestic rights.

In view of the supremacy of the Constitution of the United States and the laws made by Congress in pursuance thereof, and in view of the duty imposed on the President to see that the laws are faithfully executed, I have always believed that no one or more State, could Constitutionally sever the ties that unite the people of several States into one people. Yet I am not unmindful that a different doctrine was taught in the early stages of our Government, and maintained by some of the brightest intellects and purest illustrations patriotism adorn our political history. It is to be regretted that this sch-

politicians could not have found a better mode for solving the question than the arbitrament of war, But the question was then referred and has been decided against us by a tribunal from which there is no appeal,

The people of the State of Mississippi, acknowledging the decision, desire to return to the Union and renew their fealty to the Constitution of the United States, It has been officially reported from some quarters that our people are insincere, and that the spirit of secession is rampant amongst us. But if unflinching fidelity in war gives evidence of reliable fidelity in peace - if the unswaying professions that spring from private and public sources furnish any evidence of truth, it is sufficiently demonstrated that the people of the South who, so long, and against such terrible odds, maintained the mightiest conflict of modern ages, may be safely trusted, when they profess more than a willingness to return to their allegiance,

The South having ventured all on the arbitrament of the sword, has lost all save her honor; and now accepts the result in good faith, It is our duty to address ourselves to the promotion of peace and order - to the maintenance of law, the faith of the Constitution, and the stability and prosperity of the Union - to cultivate amicable relations with our Sister States and establish our agricultural and commercial prosperity upon more durable foundations - trusting that the lessons taught by the rebellion will not be lost either to the North or the South - that freemen once enlightened, will not submit to wrong or injustice - that sectional aggression will meet with sectional resistance, and that the price of political perfidy is blood and carnage

The State of Mississippi has already under the pressure of the results of the war, by her own solemn act, abolished slavery. It would be hypocritical and unprofitable to attempt to persuade the world that she has done so willingly. It is due, however, to her honor to show by her future course that she has done so in good faith, and that slavery shall never again exist within her borders, under whatsoever name or guise it may be attempted. The sudden emancipation of the slaves has devolved upon her the highest responsibilities and duties. Several hundred thousand of the negro race, unfitted for political equality with the white race, have been turned loose upon society; and in the guardianship she may assume over this race, the most dear justice with them, and protect them in all their rights of person and property. The highest degree of elevation in the scale of civilization to which they are capable, morally and intellectually, must be secured to them by their education and religious training; but they cannot be admitted to political or social equality with the white race. It is due to ourselves - to the white emigrant invited to our shores - and it should never be forgotten - to maintain the fact that ours is and shall ever be a Government of white men. The purity and progress of both races require that caste must be maintained; and intermarriage between the races be forbidden. Miscegenation must be the work and taste of other climes and other "peoples".

To work, is the law of God; and is the only certain protection against the pauperism and crimes of both races. The negro is peculiarly adapted to the cultivation of the great staples of the South. He should be encouraged to engage at once in their production, by the assurances of protection against the avarice, cupidity and injustice of his employer. He is free to choose his labor and to make his own bargain. But he should be required to choose some employment that will ensure the maintenance of himself and family. On the other hand the employer must be assured that the labor contracted for will be specifically performed. The cultivation of the great staples of the South requires continuous labor from January to January. The planter cannot venture upon this cultivation unless the laborer is compelled to comply with his contracts; remaining

performing his proper amount of labor, day after day ~~[illegible]~~ and ~~[illegible]~~ after week through the whole year; and if he attempts to escape he ~~[illegible]~~ to returned to his employer and forced to work until the time for ~~[illegible]~~ he has contracted has expired. By such a system of labor, the welfare and happiness of the African may be secured, the agricultural and commercial prosperity of the State sustained and our homes again become the abode of plenty.

In the civil war just closed, the troops that responded to the call and command of Mississippi, have signalized all those high qualities that adorn the character of the soldier. By their valor, courage, and heroic constancy, whether in Camp, on the march, or amidst the carnage of the battlefield, they have sustained her honor and glory and made her name immortal. Many have returned to ruined homes and fortunes. Others have fallen upon the battle-field or have been maimed or disabled for life. Many of them, and their families and the widows and orphans of the dead, are in a state of destitution. The Federal Government has magnanimously thrown over the the rebel soldier the mantle of oblivion for the past— but no pension from its coffers awaits him or his family— no "homestead" from its vast territories invites him to comfort and repose. To Mississippi, alone, can they look for assistance. Whether it was right or wrong to call the soldiers to arms, it cannot be wrong to make such provision for them as will relieve them and their families from wants and suffering, and secure to ~~their~~ children the means of education. Justice and gratitude demand it, Honor and magnanimity will bestow it.

From a long retirement to private life, and absence from the State for the last four years, I am ignorant of much of her legislative history, and feel incompetent to advise further as to the proper domestic policy demanded necessary by the altered, distracted, and desolated condition of the people. To you, gentlemen, is wisely and safely entrusted this important duty. Invoking the blessings of Almighty God upon your labors, I can only pledge you my cordial co-operation in the effort to restore and advance the welfare and happiness of the people of Mississippi.

Oct. 16th 1865.

Executive Office. Jackson Miss.
October 23rd 1865

Mr. Speaker

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House that he has this day signed and approved

An Act

To locate the County site of Bolivar County

An Act

To amend an act allowing fees to Sheriffs and Constables in certain cases, approved December 25th 1833, so far as to extend the same to the City of Natchez

An Act

For the relief of John M Tate of Noxubee County

An Act

To authorize the election of an additional justice of the peace and Constable in the District, in which the City of Natchez is included and for other purposes

An Act

To Repeal all laws in this State making appropriations to the Agricultural Bureau and to Agricultural Societies

An Act
For the relief of Robert S. Walker. a minor and for other purposes.

J. M. Mauny
Private Sec,

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Oct. 23rd 1865.

Sir,

In response to "telegram" from Col Thomas, of 22nd inst. I can only say that no order has been issued from this Department for the arrest of Capt. Peck. And that I am informed by the Sheriff of Copiah County, that he had arrested Capt Peck upon a warrant issued by a Magistrate in that County upon the affidavit of Benj. J. Brown a citizen of Mississippi for assault and battery upon said Brown. That the matter had been tried and the magistrate has required Capt. Peck to enter into a recognizance to appear before the next Circuit Court to answer for the offence. Under the Constitution and laws of Mississippi. this is a case in which the Executive has no right to interfere, it being a matter adjudicated by a competent judicial Officer.

I sincerely hope Capt. Peck will at once give the bond and thus relieve the State authorities, from any collision with the Military. an end so much desired by every good citizen of the State

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt,
Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Miss.

To
Lt. Col. R. S. Donaldson
A.A.G.,

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Oct 24th 1865

To the Senate and House of Representatives

I hereewith transmit the following reports for your consideration and action,

1st. Report of Trustees of the University of Mississippi.

2nd. Report of the Trustees of the Mississippi State Lunatic Asylum.

3rd. Report of Inspectors of the Penitentiary.

Benj. G. Humphreys.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Oct 24th 1865

To House of Representatives—

In obedience to your Resolution passed Oct, 23rd I have the honor to transmit herewith the Report of the Commissioners appointed to examine the offices of Auditor of Public accounts and Treasurer, under an act approved Dec 1st 1863, and amendments thereof approved April 5th and August 12th 1864. with the documents accompanying the same.

I am informed that no Commissioner has been appointed under the act approved March 9th 1865 amendatory of the act, and amen

-ment thereof above mentioned -

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Oct. 24th 1865

I forwarded to Col Thomas yesterday the reasons for the arrest and detention of Capt. Peck, which I hope will be satisfactory,

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

To
Genl. P. Jos, Osterhaus
Vicksburg
Miss

Executive Office Jackson Oct. 24th

General
I herewith forward to you copies of all the papers I have in relation to the arrest and confinement of Captain Peck and hope they will be found satisfactory. I take this occasion to express my earnest hope that Capt Peck will give the bond required and relieve us of all difficulty in the matter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
B G Humphreys
Gov of Miss

To
P. Jos Osterhaus
Maj Genl Comdg Ar. D. Miss

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Oct. 24th 1865

Sir
Captain Peck is in the hands of the Judiciary Department, and has his remedies ample and peaceable, if he is disposed to avail himself of them, which I sincerely hope he may do.
The Constitution forbids the Executive Department to interfere for or against him except in the exercise of the pardoning power, which I will cheerfully use, if it is a case that merits it. But in the absence of information I must decline any interference.
In the helpless condition of the Civil Authorities I have advised the Sheriff that holds him in custody not to resist any armed force of the United States that may demand his release, but to deliver him up under protest

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Serv
Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

To
P. Jos Osterhaus
Maj. Genl. Comdg.
Northern Div of Miss

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Oct 26th 1865

Sir
In reply to your inquiry for advice in the case of Capt Peck. I can only advise you, if he is demanded by an armed force of the United States, not to resist it, but deliver him up under protest.
In the helpless condition of the Civil authorities it would be folly and madness to do otherwise.

Very Respectfully
Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

To
S. H. Redus
Deputy Sheriff
Copiah Co, Miss

Executive Office Jackson Miss
October 27th 1865

Mr. President
His Excellency the Governor has this day approved and signed

An Act
To revive an act to Incorporate the City of Meridian and to amend the same,

An Act
To change the Terms of the Probate Courts of the Counties of Harrison, Jackson and Hancock

An Act
To revive an act entitled an act to incorporate the Town of French Camp, Choctaw County, and for other purposes, approved February 27th 1854, and to amend the same,

An Act
To authorize and empower John Egan to build and put up a toll wharf in the town of Ocean Springs in the County of Jackson, and for other purposes.

J. T. Mauney
Private Sec'y

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
October 25th 1865

Mr. Speaker
His Excellency the Governor has this day approved and signed

An Act
To amend an act in relation to the Charter of Brookhaven in Lafayette County

An Act
To change the time of holding the Probate Courts of Smith County,

A Resolution
Directing the Auditor of Public Accounts to issue no warrants upon the Treasurer for the payment of money until further order

An Act
To incorporate Surepta Academy located

at Sucopta. Calhoun County Mississippi —

J. P. Maury
Private Secretary

Executive Office Jackson Miss
October 27th 1865 —

Mr. Speaker

His Excellency ~~the Governor~~ has this day signed and approved

An Act
To Incorporate the Hernando Mutual Insurance Company

An Act
To repeal an act, entitled an act to provide for obtaining proof in the Circuit Courts of this State, Approved December 8th 1865 —

J. P. Maury
Private Secretary

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Oct. 31st 1865 —

To The Senate and House of Representatives

I herewith transmit the Report of J. L. Powers Superintendent of Army Records for the State, for your consideration, and respectfully recommend that the law under which he has been acting be revived to the end, that this Record of Mississippi's glory, in which the hearts of every household is so intimately and deeply yet proudly connected, may be completed and transmitted to posterity.

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
October 31st 1865 —

His Excellency
Andrew Johnson
President of the United States
Washington
D. C.

Capt. Peck Sub Commissioner of Freedmens Bureau at Hazelhurst, Copiah Co. was arrested by the Sheriff of that County under warrant issued by a Magistrate on the 18th of October for assault and battery upon D. J. Brown a citizen of Mississippi. The Magistrate required Capt Peck to give bond for his appearance at next Circuit Court — Citizens offered to go his security — He declined giving the bond, and in default was imprisoned in County jail — To day an armed force under Command of Lt. Col. Gibson of 58th U. S. Colored Infantry released Capt. Peck, and arrested S. St. Redus Deputy Sheriff for executing the warrant — The civil authority is thus defied and put in subordination to the Military after the case was duly considered by Maj. Genl. Osterhaus. I respectfully refer the matter to you and ask your decision, and such orders as you may direct —

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office Jackson Miss
November 2nd 1865

To the House of Representatives –

I herewith return a bill entitled an Act provide for the transfer of the unfinished business of the Special Courts of Equity established by Governor Sharkey – with my disapproval

The Constitutional Convention that met in Jackson in August 1865 expressly recognized the existence of the Special Courts of Equity established by the Provisional Governor, and "Provided that such Special Courts and the proceedings had therein after the Courts known to the Constitution and laws of this State are established, shall not be recognized beyond the then 'unfinished and instituted business of the same'".

The continued existance of these Special Courts of Equity is thus recognized for the express purpose of disposing of the "unfinished and instituted business of the same", this too after the Courts known to the Constitution and laws are established – And the Convention having failed to provide for the transfer of the business of those Courts to any other Court its intention to leave the "unfinished and instituted business", with the Special Courts of Equity cannot be mistaken, and no power known to the Constitution is authorized to make or order the transfer,

The 2nd Section of the Schedule to the Constitution was passed by the Convention of 1832 for the purpose of transferring all suits at law or equity then "pending". It has long since accomplished the purpose for which it was passed and now slips with the 3rd, 5th & 6th sections of that Schedule and cannot be made to apply after a death slip of thirty three years, to the unfinished and instituted business of the Special Courts of Equity pending in 1865.

Whether it was wise or unwise to ordain or recognize the Courts, the power of the Convention to do so must be conceded, and I cannot disregard their action,

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office Jackson Miss
November 1st 1865

Mr. Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has this day approved and signed –

An Act
To amend An Act entitled An Act to Incorporate The Columbus Building Association –

An Act
To exempt the members of the Aberdeen Fire Company No 1 from serving as Jurors.

An Act
Supplemental to An Act entitled An Act to Change the terms of the Probate Courts ~~of~~ in the Counties of Harrison Hancock and Jackson

An Act
To repeal An Act entitled An Act to Incorporate Oak Bowery Academy.

J. F. Mauny
Private Secretary

Executive Office Jackson
November 2nd

Mr. President

His Excellency the Governor has this day signed and approved

An Act

To Repeal An Act "To Prohibit the sale of vinous and spirituous liquors in less quantities than one gallon within two miles of the town of Pontotoc, approved October 19th 1852. And also An Act To prohibit the sale of vinous and spirituous liquors in the town of Pontotoc in the County of Pontotoc and for other purposes. Approved December 13th 1859.

An Act

To Incorporate the town of West in the County of Holmes.

An Act

To Regulate the per diem and mileage of the members of the Legislature

J. H. Maury
Private Secretary

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Nov. 8 1865

Sir

Since our interview yesterday bearing the communication forwarded by you from Adams County, I have received letters from various parts of the state burdened with the same complaints in their neighborhoods. There seems to be a well founded apprehension throughout the state that the Freedmen are preparing for a violent assertion of their rights to a division of the property of the whites. They are arming themselves for that or some other purpose and unless some measures are taken to disarm them a collision between the races may speedily be looked for. I enclose you a letter received from the Sheriff of Simpson County. Also one from Panola to the Representatives of that county. Letters from all quarters of the state are constantly being received by private gentlemen in confirmation of these facts. That the colored troops are the cause of the mischief is not doubted. Respectfully and earnestly urge speedy action on the part of the U. S. Authorities in this matter.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
Benj. G. Humphreys
Provl Governor of Miss

To
Gen. A. L. Fitch
U. S. Army
Jackson

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
November 8th 1865.

Sir

I herewith enclose a communication from the Sheriff of Adams County, endorsed by the opinion of the Atty. Genl. of the state which I respectfully refer to Maj. Genl. Osterhaus and request that the home in question be delivered up to the Sheriff according to the laws of Mississippi

Very Respectfully
Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Miss

To Genl M. L. Fitch
Comdg A. D. of Miss.

Executive Office Jackson Miss
~~Oct~~ 25th 1865

To the Senate,

I have the honor to nominate the following gentlemen as Trustees of the Institution for the Blind in the State of Mississippi

Dr. M. W. Boyd
J. W. Robinson
A Verdier

and ask your advice and consent to their appointment

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Oct. 25th 1865

To the Senate

I have the honor to nominate the following gentlemen as Trustees of Lunatic Asylum, D. N. Barrows, W. H. Allen, J. M. Simms, J. A. Stone, J. D. Stewart, and M. S. Craft and ask your advice and consent to their appointments

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
~~November~~ October 27th 1865

To the Senate

I nominate the following gentlemen as Inspectors of the State Penitentiary.

C. R. Dickson
D. N. Barrows
C. H. Wanship

For Trustees of Deaf and Dumb Asylum

Wm. L. Poindexter
A. B. Cabaniss
G. L. Potter

And respectfully ask your advice and consent to their appointment as such

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

The State of Mississippi

To all who shall see these Presents — Greeting

Whereas by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, approved November 10th 1865. the Governor of this State is authorized to appoint a suitable person to sell all the property belonging to the State Distillery and bottling Works

Now therefore I Benj G Humphreys Governor, have appointed and do appoint Jeremiah S. Robinson a Commissioner to carry out the provisions of said Act

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 10th day of November A.D. 1865

{ Seal }

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Jackson Miss.
Nov 7th 1865

To His Excellency
Governor Humphreys
Sir.

The Board of Trustees of the "Mississippi State Lunatic Asylum" have in accordance with law divided themselves into two classes as follows.

Then of the first Class who hold for two years are
James D. Stewart
James A. Henry
M. S. Craft

Then of the second class who hold for four years are Wm H. Allen James P. Simms and David N. Barrow

I have the honor to be Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt
(Signed) D. N. Barrow
Secretary of Board

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
Nov. 11th 1865

Mr. President

His Excellency the Governor has approved and signed

An Act, To provide for the removal of the Seat of Justice of Newton County if the people direct —

An Act. To incorporate the town of Hazlehurst

A Resolution, In relation to the pay of the Secretary of the Senate and of the House of Representatives

An Act. To regulate further the sale of wines and spirituous liquors in the town of Hamilton in Chickasaw County

An Act. To repeal An act entitled An Act to amend Section 7 of 6, Revised Code of the State of Mississippi; so far as the same for the compensation for the State Printer and for other purposes approved December 8th 1863. and for other purposes

An Act. To establish a turnpike and bridge across Big and Bottom,

A Memorial. To the President of the United States in behalf of [illegible]

An Act. To authorize the Governor to employ a State Architect,
An Act, To revive the charter of the town of Water Valley in Yalobusha County.
An Act, To prohibit the sale of spirituous and vinous liquors in the town of Water Valley.
An Act, To provide for and aid in supplying the loss of the records Judgements, Decrees and papers in the Circuit, Chancery, Pretrial and Police Courts of Jackson County and for other purposes
An Act. To suspend the collection of the Mobile and Ohio Rail Road tax in the County of Kemper
An Act. To authorize the Board of Police of Oktibbeha County to reduce and reaudit certain claims against said County,

J. F. Maury
Private Secretary.

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
November 7th 1865

Mr. Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has approved and signed,
An Act, To authorize the organization of Volunteer Companies,
An Act. To amend the Charters of the Cities of Jackson Natchez and Vicksburg
A Resolution. Relating to parties having claims against the late Provisional Government,
A Resolution, Relating to Public Printer
A Resolution, Authorizing the Auditor to draw on Treasurer for amounts to furnish the Senate Chamber. House of Representatives etc. with fuel
An Act, To extend the corporate limits of the town of Grenada
An Act, For the relief of the Sailor of Tishamingo County,
An Act. To revive and amend an act, entitled an act to incorporate the lake Roebuck Navigation Company in the County of Sunflower Approved Feb 21st 1854,
An Act, To extend the powers of the Board of Police of Warren County
An Act, To repeal an Act entitled an Act to authorize Sheriffs to administer oaths. Approved April 5th 1864.
An Act. To reduce the annual salary of the Probate Judge of Itawamba and other Counties therein named
Joint Resolution, Granting leave of absence to the Hon. J. W. McMaster of Rankin County
An Act, Supplemental to an act to regulate the per diem and mileage of the members of the Legislature passed at the present session thereof and for other purposes.
An Act. To amend the Charter of the Vicksburg Gas Light Company approved January 17th 1865
An Act. To authorize the Board of Police of Tunica County to levy a special tax and for other purposes
An Act, To reduce into one the several acts of this State concerning the Salaries and perquisites of Officers therein named
An Act, To incorporate the town of Durant in the County of Holmes
A Resolution Memorializing the President of the United States with draw the armies thereof from this State
An Act, To provide for the removal and location of the seat of Justice of Sa-

An Act. To incorporate the town of Shubuta in the County of Clarke
An Act. To amend an act to regulate the laying out and working of roads of Ferries and the erection of Bridges
An Act. To remove the civil disabilities of Thomas M. Pheasants a minor of Co. County Mississippi
An Act. To allow compensation to Judges of Probate in certain cases
An Act. To extend the corporate limits of the town of West Point in the County of Lowndes
An Act. To authorize the Governor to appoint a commissioner to sell all the property invested in the State Sitting and Salt Works.
An Act. To unite and incorporate the East Ward of Grenada Plank road Turnpike,

J. F. Maury
Private Secretary

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
November 15th 1865

Mr. President

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the Senate that he has this day signed and approved

An Act. To amend Chapter thirteen of the Revised Code relating to the Institution for the Blind.

J. F. Maury
Private Secretary

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Nov 17th 1865

To the Senate.

On the 29th of March 1865 my predecessor Governor Charles Clark issued an order to suspend the collection of the forfeiture on the bond of Ellis Gore of Noxubee County. I herewith forward all the papers connected with the Petition, and ask your advice and consent to the full remission of said forfeiture against A. G. Cox and W. A. Gore securities

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
Nov 17th 1865

Mr. President

His Excellency the Governor has approved and signed

An Act. To incorporate the Mississippi and Alabama oil and mining Company.
An Act. To authorize the Board of Trustees for the Deaf and Dumb Institution of the State of Mississippi to make a contract with the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb Institute of Louisiana or any other Southern State.
An Act. To incorporate the Trustees of the Summit Baptist Church in Pike County. Mississippi.
An Act. To make the County of Kemper to settle up and close the subscription of said County to the Capital stock of the Mobile Ohio Rail Road Company.

J. F. Maury
Private Secretary

Executive Office
Jackson Miss

To the Sheriff of Noxubee County: Greeting

You are hereby notified that the Senate did this day concur to the remission of the forfeitures taken in the case of the State of Mississippi vs H. A. Gore and A. J. Cox as securities for Ellis Gore in five indictments for gaming and one for retailing liquor taken at the spring term 1865 of the Circuit Court of Noxubee County which forfeitures were hereto fore ordered sustained by Governor Chas. Clark. You will therefore abstain from all efforts to collect said forfeitures.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi this 14th day of November 1865.

(Sd) B. G. Humphreys
Governor of Miss

By the Governor
A. Brought (Signed)
Secty of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
Nov 30th 1865

Mr. Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has approved and signed the following House Bills and

AN ACT requiring the Secretary of State to furnish the Auditor with the names of State and Judicial officers elected at a general or special election.

AN ACT to incorporate the Yazoo navigation company.

AN ACT to require the Board of Police to repair and build Jails, and for other purposes.

AN ACT to purchase books for the use of State offices, therein named.

AN ACT for the relief [illegible] M. Yerger.

AN ACT to legalize [illegible] from the official acts of the [illegible] selectmen and other [illegible] of the city of Natchez.

AN ACT to appropriate [illegible] thousand dollars for the purchase of ammunition.

JOINT RESOLUTION to authorize the Librarian to sell certain books to the judges.

RESOLUTION granting leave of absence to the Hon. George E. Harris.

AN ACT to provide for building and repairing the public bridges in the county of Washington.

AN ACT for the relief of executors and others in certain cases.

AN ACT to revive an act incorporating the town of Pittsboro', in the county of Calhoun, and for other purposes.

AN ACT to confer additional powers upon incorporated cities and towns in the State of Mississippi.

AN ACT to increase the salary of the Probate Judge of [illegible] county.

AN ACT to repeal certain portions of an act entitled an act to regulate the action of the Probate Court in certain cases, approved March 6, 1865, so far as the same relates to the county of Hinds.

AN ACT to reduce the penalty of the official bond of Assessor and Treasurer of Hancock county.

RESOLUTION in relation to the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad Company.

D. H. Maury
Private Secretary

Executive Office Jackson Miss
November 22nd 1865

To the Senate

I herewith return to the Senate a bill entitled "An Act, To punish the usurpations of Judicial and ministerial functions" with my disapproval —

I have on a previous occasion expressed the opinion that the Convention that met in Jackson in 1865. has usurped the functions of Equity, now in existence as Constitutional Courts of the State for the purpose of disposing of the "unfinished and instituted business of the same" - All the reflection I have been able to give the subject only confirms that opinion —

No bill having for its purpose the punishment of Judicial and Ministerial Officers while in the performance of their clearly constitutional functions can receive my approval

(Signed) Benj G. Humphreys
Gov of Miss.

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
November 22nd 1865

Mr. President

His Excellency the Governor has this day signed and approved

An Act. Further to secure the indebtedness of the Rail Road Companies in this State on account of the money borrowed from the State under an Act approved March 7th 1857

An Act. To amend Chapter Sixty of the Revised Code and for other purposes,

An Act. To repeal Section one, Chapter thirty five of the Revised Code and for other purposes

An Act. To remedy evils occasioned by the burning of the Court of the Court House of the County of Yazoo

An Act. To incorporate the town of Fordman in the County of Holmes

An Act. To incorporate the Mississippi Pioneer, Petroleum and mining Company

Resolution. Authorizing the Secretary of the Senate to make certain alterations in the act incorporating the Mississippi Pioneer, Petroleum and Mining Company therein named.

An Act. To incorporate the Trustees of the Silver Creek Baptist Church in Pike County Mississippi

An Act. To authorize Benyman Withers of Coahoma County to keep and maintain a ferry across the Mississippi River from a point the town of Helena, Arkansas,

On the 22nd day of November 1865. His Excellency signed and approved

An Act To allow additional compensation to Justices of the Peace in certain cases

An Act. To regulate the redemption of Notes or Checks issued by Rail Road Companies in this State

An Act. To be entitled an act to authorize the Southern Rail Road to erect a Bridge of peculiar description across the

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
November 24th 1865 –

Mr. President –

His Excellency the Governor appeared and signed on the 22nd inst

An Act. To be entitled An Act to regulate the relation of Master and Apprentice as relates to Freedmen, Free Negroes and Mulattoes

J. A. Maury
Private Sec'y

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
Nov 25th 1865 –

Mr. President –

His Excellency the Governor appeared and signed on the 22nd of November 1865 –

An Act. To be entitled An Act to regulate the relation of Master and Apprentice as relates to Freedmen, Free Negroes and Mulattoes

On the 24th Nov 1865

An Act. To establish County Courts

An Act. To be entitled An Act to incorporate the North Mississippi Savings Institution.

An Act. To amend the Vagrant laws of this State

An Act. To be entitled An Act to prevent fraudulent transactions in lottery and for other purposes.

An Act. To be entitled An Act incorporating the town of Friars Point

On the 25th of November 1865

An Act. Supplemental to an Act to establish County Courts passed at the present session of the Legislature

J. A. Maury
Private Secretary

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
Nov. 24th 1865

To the Senate and
House of Representatives.

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of State of the United States enclosing copy of "A Resolution submitting to the Legislatures of the several States a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States", with a request "to cause the decision of the Legislature of Mississippi to be taken upon the subject"

I respectfully recommend that Section 1st of Article XIII be adopted, if for no other reason, to put it beyond the power of Mississippi to recognize slavery or involuntary servitude except as a punishment for crime. And that the 2nd Section be rejected as its adoption will open the door to that wide range of construction that would centralize in the Federal Government all the powers of Government intended by the framers of the Constitution to be "reserved to the States or to the people"

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Miss.

Execution Office Jackson
Nov 27th 1865

To
The Senate

I hereewith return to the Senate a bill entitled, "An act to amend the exemption laws of this State" with my disapproval.

It is peculiarly within the province of the Legislature, to judge of and to legislate upon the policy of exempting all or any portion of the property of the citizens from execution and sale for debt. If the law now presented for my consideration looked only to the future transactions between the citizens of the State. I feel that I could offer no constitutional objections, though I would regard the policy as deleterious to the advancement of the agricultural interests and commercial prosperity of society.

But this law is retrospective; and effects debts already contracted and the lien of judgement already obtained. It exempts a certain amount of property, not exempted by law at the time the contract was entered into, and at the time of the rendition of the judgement. This property formed the basis, if it was not the creation, of the contract, the money or for which the judgement-Creditor seeks to recover. This law then, is clearly not only in conflict with the law of the Contract, but denies right and justice to the Creditor. It is in violation of that clause of the Constitution which forbids the passage of ex-post-facto laws and laws impairing the obligations of Contracts. It cannot therefore receive my approval

(Signed) Benj. G Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
Nov 29th 1865

Mr. Speaker.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House that he approved and signed on the 24th of Nov. 1865

An Act, To remove impediments in the oyster trade in Jackson County,

On the 28th of November 1865

An Act, To confer civil rights upon Freedmen and for other purposes

On the 27th of November 1865

An Act, For the relief of tax payers and tax collectors

D. F. Maury
Priv. Sec.

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
Nov. 29th 1865

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith return to the House of Representatives a bill entitled "An Act to modify the Collection laws of this State" with my disapproval.

The desolation and ruin affecting all classes of our people, resulting from a suspension of all the industrial and productive pursuits of life, the waste and destruction of property during four years of war and the blighting influence brought to bear upon the labor of the Country furnish an appeal to the magnanimous forbearance and indulgence of creditors that cannot be disregarded or treated by them with indifference; It cannot be doubted that the generous impulses of the creditors if not the inferior instincts of selfish interest will prompt them to arrest the coercive process of Courts in the adjustment of this long outstanding and unsettled claims and to extend to the debtor that indulgence so much needed in rearranging and resuscitating the business life of the Country.

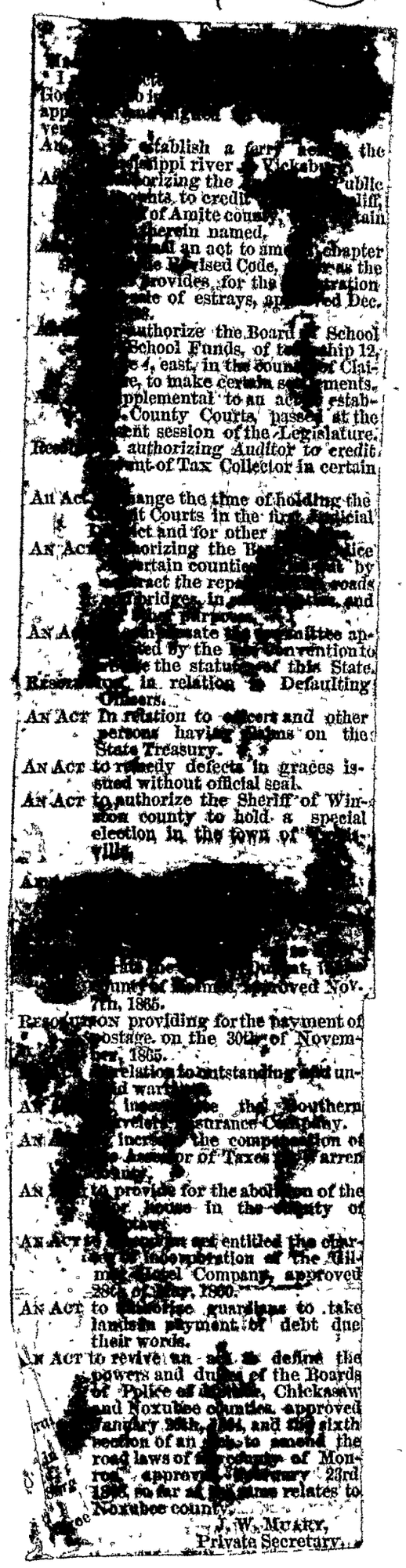
But when the powers of government are invoked to interfere between the debtor and creditor, we cannot be unmindful that indulgence and mercy to the one may be injustice to the other. It has ever been the policy of our government and also that government from which we derived our system of public policy, to encourage commerce and trade as the surest means of stimulating industry, developing the material resources and the agricultural wealth of the Country upon which depends in a great degree all the other great interests of society. To foster this policy laws have been enacted regulating contracts between individuals and enforcing compliance with their terms.

The creditor and debtor each suspicious of the other, naturally look to these laws for protection against the result of bad faith in either, and the remedy guaranteed by the Constitution and laws for such action. experience has important influence in inducing the creditor to part with his property or money and the debtor to "executing his bond" or other evidence of his indebtedness. If either party acts unfairly the injured party relies upon the law for redress. To this end the Constitution declares "that all courts shall be open, and every person, for an injury done him in his lands, goods, person or reputation shall have remedy by due course of law, and right and justice administered without sale, denial or delay; and that the Legislature shall pass no bill of attainder, ex post facto law nor law impairing the obligation of contracts. How do the provisions of the Constitution accord with the provisions of the bill that is presented for my approval? That bill declares with a few immaterial exceptions that "that all laws for the collection of debts be hereby suspended until the first day of January 1868 or until otherwise ordered by law". It also declares that no venditioni-exponas or execution shall be issued for the sale of property within the time aforesaid nor shall there be any sale on execution or writs of venditioni-exponas now issued or levied — that the provisions of this act shall not apply to judgements in detinue and in trover or other judgements for the recovery of money &c", and denounces pains and penalties upon any sheriff or other officer for executing any writs in any of the forbidden cases.

This is clearly a conflict between the provisions of this bill and the provisions of the Constitution. It closes the doors of the Courts by suspending the remedies that lead to the administration of right and justice. It is not sufficient to say that this is merely a modification of the remedies and does not affect the law of the Contract nor impair its obligations. Upon the same plea and by the exercise of the same power the Legislature of 1867 can again modify the remedies by a further suspension of, and then legislature after legislature may pile up and roll on these new modifications, as they are termed and postpone remedies until the end of the nineteenth Century to the utter destruction and annihilation of the Contract and all its obligations. To impair — it is not enough to annihilate. Any unreasonable delay, denial or sale of right and

virtually and in effect, does impair the obligation of the contract and is in violation of that portion of the Constitution guaranteeing protection to contracting parties. The surest means of protecting both society and individuals from financial inflations, ~~convulsions~~ convulsions and insolvency is to maintain the stability of the law, and the prompt enforcement of the terms of the contract. And the debtor will more certainly find his best interests subserved in a free and fair adjustment of his with his creditor than at the end of "valuation laws", "redemption laws" "exemption laws" or "stay laws" with their accumulation of interest, court costs and lawyers fees.

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Miss.



[illegible] establish a ferry across the [illegible]ippi river [illegible] Vicksburg.

An [illegible]orizing the [illegible] public [illegible]nts, to credit [illegible] sheriff, [illegible] of Amite county, [illegible]tain [illegible] therein named.

[illegible] an act to am[illegible] chapter [illegible] Revised Code, [illegible] as the [illegible] provides for the [illegible]ration [illegible]le of estrays, ap[illegible]ed Dec. [illegible].

[illegible] authorize the Board [illegible] School [illegible] School Funds, of to[illegible]ship 12, [illegible] 4, east, in the coun[illegible] of Claiborne, to make certain se[illegible]ments.

[illegible] supplemental to an ac[illegible] establishing County Courts, passed at the [illegible]ent session of the Legislature.

Resolution authorizing Auditor to credit [illegible]nt of Tax Collector in certain [illegible].

An Act [illegible]ange the time of holding the [illegible]t Courts in the first Judicial [illegible]ict and for other [illegible].

An Act [illegible]orizing the B[illegible]lice [illegible]rtain counties [illegible] by [illegible]act the repa[illegible] roads [illegible] bridges, in [illegible], and [illegible] purposes.

An A[illegible] [illegible]ate committee appointed by the [illegible] Convention to [illegible] the statutes of this State.

Resolution in relation to Defaulting Officers.

An Act In relation to officers and other persons having claims on the State Treasury.

An Act to remedy defects in graces issued without official seal.

An Act to authorize the Sheriff of Winston county to hold a special election in the town of [illegible]ville.

An [illegible]

[illegible] Court, in [illegible] county of [illegible], approved Nov. 7th, 1865.

Resolution providing for the payment of postage on the 30th of November, 1865.

[illegible] relation to outstanding and unpaid warrants.

An [illegible] incorporate the Southern [illegible]veler's Insurance Company.

An [illegible] increase the compensation of [illegible] Assessor of Taxes [illegible] Warren [illegible].

An [illegible] to provide for the abolition of the [illegible] house in the county of [illegible].

An Act [illegible] entitled the charter of incorporation of the Gilmer Hotel Company, approved 28th of May, 1860.

An Act to authorize guardians to take lands in payment of debt due their wards.

An Act to revive an act to define the powers and duties of the Boards of Police of [illegible], Chickasaw and Noxubee counties, approved January 28th, 1864, and the sixth section of an act to amend the road laws of the county of Monroe, approved February 23rd 1866, so far as the same relates to Noxubee county.

J. W. Murry,
Private Secretary.

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
Dec. 1st 1866

Gentlemen of the Senate &
House of Representatives,

Respectfully recommend that the Legislature appoint a delegation of one or more of its members to visit Washington City immediately, to act in conjunction with the Congressional delegation from the State in laying before President Johnson the condition of the affairs of our State in regard to the presence of colored troops in our midst and the danger of immediate tumultuary movements among the freedmen. To secure the, if possible the removal of the colored troops and precautions for the militia for the defense of the State. And that the delegations from the various counties furnish said delegation to Washington City with a written statement of facts the condition of the colored troops, the condition apprehensions and wishes of their fellow citizens with reference to this matter.

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

Jas. Hindman
Jas. M. Dickey
Jas. M. Wilson
Horatio Holmes

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
December 2nd 1865

To the Senate

I herewith return a bill entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the valuation of property and in relation to mortgages and trust deeds, Approved Feb 21st 1840," with my disapproval.
The law to be repealed by this act is the law known as the "Valuation law".
It entitles judgement debtors under any executions issuing out of the Court of this State to have his property valued by three disinterested persons one chosen by the plaintiff, one by the Sheriff and one by the defendant and the Sheriff is prohibited to sell unless he gets a bid for two thirds of the appraised value thereof, and postpones the sale for twelve months and thus delays, denies and sells right and justice, which violates the obligation of the contract and is expressly prohibited by the Constitution

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys
Gov of Miss

Executive Office Jackson Miss,
Dec 2nd 1865

To the Senate,

I herewith return to the Senate a bill entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled an act to prevent the sacrifice of real estate sold under executions, decrees in Chancery and deeds of trust" dated February 14th 1842, with my disapproval.
The law now sought to be repealed is the old law of 1842 known as the "Redemption law",
The 1st Section declares that it may be lawful for any debtor whose interest in real estate may hereafter sold under execution at any time within two years after such sale &c. to redeem the interest that may have been sold &c and shall be the duty of the then Claimants to reconvey said interest to said debtor.
Section 2nd That any creditor may redeem from the purchaser.
Section 3rd That any other creditor may redeem from the first creditor
Section 4th, That all real property sold under ~~decrees~~ deeds of trust and decrees in Chancery shall and may be subject to redemption in the same way as the like property when sold under executions
Section 5th, That this act take effect from and after its passage.
This law is so clearly in violation of the obligations of contracts by delaying right and justice, and has been so plainly declared unconstitutional and void by the Courts of the Country that I am constrained to withhold my approval,

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Miss.

Executive Office Jackson Miss
December 5th 1865

To the Senate.

I herewith return a bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the practice in certain Cases in the Courts of Law and Equity in this State" with my disapproval,
The 1st Section enacts, That judgements and decrees heretofore rendered shall not have any interest from and after the passage of this act. And that judgements and decrees rendered after the passage of this act shall not have any interest. Provided that this section shall only to judgements rendered on debts due prior to the 1st day of May 1865.
Interest is a necessary incident to the principal debt and enters into the contract of indebtedness. Prior to the 1st day of May 1865

laws of Mississippi allowed interest on all judgements, which is the law
Contract for all indebtedness prior to the passage of this act.
To deny interest after the passage of this act impair the obligation and
tional,

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Miss.

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
December 5th 1865

Mr. President

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the Senate that he signed and approved on the 4th day of December 1865

An Act. To incorporate the Vicksburg Savings Association,
" " To incorporate the Grenada Savings Association,
" " Supplemental to an act entitled An act to authorize the building of Toll Bridges in certain Cases.
" " An Act to amend an act supplementary to "An act entitled An act to establish a system of Common Schools and for other purposes. Approved March 4th 1846" approved Feb. 29th 1848.
An Act. To amend the Charter of the Southern Rail Road Company and to authorize it to erect a Bridge on Big Black River
Resolution. Relative to the Penitentiary
An Act, To incorporate the Rankin County Savings Institution
An Act, Authorizing the Auditor to issue warrants
An Act, Supplemental to an act to locate the County Site of Bolivar County approved October 23rd 1865.
An Act- Supplemental to an Act in relation to changing the time of holding the Circuit Court of the County of Scott passed at the present session of the Legislature.
An Act. To incorporate the Meridian Savings Institution
An Act To incorporate the Clarke County Savings Association,

J. F. Mauny
Private Secretary.

Executive office Jackson Miss.
Dec. 8 1865

Mr Speaker

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed, the following Bills,

An Act in relation to the Superintendent of the Penitentiary
" " to incorporate the Town of Hickory in the County of Newton Mississippi,
" " to rebuild the Penitentiary and for other purposes,
" " to raise a Revenue to defray the expenses of the Government of the state of Miss.
" " for the relief of Jay Thompson Adm'r, of the estate of Peter Hamborough dec'd,
" " " the benefit of the Mississippi State Lunatic Asylum & for other purposes.
" " to incorporate the Meridian Hotel Company,
" " Supplemental to an act providing for the assessment or valuation of lands in the State
" " To incorporate the Raymond Savings association
" " for the relief of the late Reporter of the High Court of Errors & Appeals
Resolutions & Report adopted by the Legislature of the state & ratified by the People on the subject of the direct tax imposed by the Congress of the United States
Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the Senate & House of Representatives relative to the recommendation of the Governor, & send a Delegation to Washington
Resolution for the benefit of Chas. T. Bond & Chas. A. Hickman of Pontotoc Co.

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Dec 6 1866 —

Mr President

I am instructed by his Excellency the Governor to inform the Senate that he has this day approved & signed Bills originating in the Senate,

An Act to incorporate the Enterprise Manufacturing Company.
" " Supplementary to an act to establish the County Courts approved November 24th 1866

J F Maury
Private Secretary.

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Dec. 6. 1866 —

Mr Speaker,

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has this day signed and approved the Bills entitled,

An Act to authorize the redemption of lands sold to this State for taxes,
" " Making certain appropriations therein named & for other purposes,
" " to reorganize the Militia of this State,

J F Maury
Private Sec

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
Dec 6 1866,

Mr President,

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the Senate that he has this day approved and signed the following Resolution in relation to the President of the United States —

J F Maury
Private Sec

Suspension of forfeitures till next meeting of Legislature

Executive Office Jackson Miss
December 7. 1866.

To the Sheriff of Copiah County,

You are hereby ~~[illegible]~~ to suspend the collection of the forfeiture and fine rendered by the High Court of Errors and Appeals of one thousand Dollars, against Arthur M Cailey and M A Sellers as securities of Riley J Hughes, until the next meeting of the Legislature.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed. This 7th day of December A D 1866.

Benj. G Humphreys

By the Governor
A Brayton
Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Warren County — Greeting.

Whereas it is represented to me that Harrison Brooks, a freedman late the Slave of Mr. Cooper, a Citizen of Warren County, is now confined in the Jail of said County, under sentence of death by hanging for the Crime of Murder as passed by the Criminal Court of Warren County, at the late term thereof, Judge D. A. Mercer presiding, which sentence you are ordered to execute Tuesday next.

Now, therefore, I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the said Harrison Brooks, a Reprieve for Thirty (30) days, from and after Tuesday next; And you will therefore postpone the execution of said sentence for the said period of thirty days, from and after Tuesday next, the 12th instant.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed. This 11th day of December A.D. 1865.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Bringhurst.
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Dec 15th 1865.

To the Sheriff of Noxubee County Mississippi, Upon the Petition of many respectable Citizens of your County; and upon due Consideration of the facts of the case, I do hereby authorize and direct the remission of the fines imposed by the Circuit Court of Noxubee County at its recent Special Term; against a Certain freedman named Dick Gray, for retailing Spirituous liquors.

You are therefore hereby ordered and directed to return any Capias, or other process, for the collection of said fines which may be in your hands, by endorsing thereon, that said fines has been remitted by me. And if said Dick Gray be in your Custody on account of said fines, you are further ordered to release him from such custody.

In testimony whereof I have unto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, done at the City of Jackson, this 15th day of December A.D. 1865

Benj. G. Humphreys
Govt. of Mississippi

C. A. Bringhurst
Secretary of State

Jackson Miss
Dec. 4th 1865

J. L. Sharkey vs A. J. Alcorn
Washington City

Legislature adjourned, passed Law to disarm negroes. General Wood forbids it. Emancipation interfering with Contract till after Christmas. Makes negroes an armed organ. Cannot be enforced in which case, insurrection is apprehended. President Johnson. Special Commission investigate by Legislature sent to Washington. Have appointed
Judge Wm Yerger
" Acker of Monroe
" Reed of Lafayette

Executive Office
Jackson Miss
Dec 18 1865

To
Hon Jas
Care Hon L. Sharkey
US Senator
Washington City

Ascertain from the President whether the Military Authority can nullify the laws of the Legislature. If so what Channel am I to be informed of the nullifying fact.

B. G. Humphreys
Gov. of Miss

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Dec 18. 1865.

Whereas David Siggits was convicted of the Crime of ~~Manslaughter~~ in the Circuit Court of Madison County Mississippi, at the March term thereof A.D. 1865. And whereas a writ of Error was sued out from said Judgment of Conviction to the High Court of Errors and Appeals, to the April term thereof 1865. And whereas upon the Suing out of said writ of Error, the said Siggits entered into a recognizance in the Sum of ten thousand dollars with two Securities each in the Sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned according to law, in such case made and provided, and whereas, at the April Term 1865 of said High Court of Errors and Appeals, the said Siggits failed to appear, a Judgment Nisi was entered on said recognizance, against the said Siggits and his Sureties,

Now therefore, I, Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, have thought proper to grant, and do hereby grant this my pardon to the said David Siggits and hereby order to be stayed the collection of said forfeiture of the penalty of said recognizance until the end of the next Session of the Legislature. And do remit the same subject to the approval of the Senate.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed done at the City of Jackson this 18th day of December A.D. 1865.

Benj. G. Humphreys
Gov. of Mississippi

C. A. Bromphar
Secretary of State

Jackson

Maj. Genl Ord
Vicksburg

Please countermand order stationing Colored troops at Columbus Miss till after the holidays holiday excitement and uneasiness

B. G. Humphreys

Executive
Jackson Miss
December

To His Excellency W G Brownlow Governor of Tennessee.

Whereas it has
sented to me by the affidavit of G E Harris, made in due form
before, and certified to by Robert Sample a Justice of the Peace
of Desoto, and State of Mississippi, That one Tolver Dalton, commonly
Toll Dalton late of Said County, did, on the 1st day of February
County of Desoto, Kill and murder one W. M. McCauley late of
and it being further represented to me, that he, the Said Tolver Dalton
Toll Dalton, has escaped from Justice, and has taken refuge in
State of Tennessee where he now is. I, do therefore in virtue of the power
vested in me, as Governor of the State of Mississippi; and in pursuance
of the provisions of the act of Congress of the United States. in such case
made and provided - Hereby issue this, my requisition upon You the Governor
of Said State of Tennessee, for the apprehension and delivery of Said
Tolver Dalton alias Toll Dalton. and I do hereby appoint D. McKenzie
Sheriff of Said Desoto County as agent to receive at your hands the Said
Tolver Dalton, alias Toll Dalton. and carry him back to the State of Mississ-
-ippi, to the end that he may be prosecuted for Said alleged murder conformably
to the laws of Said State of Mississippi. And for so doing this Shall be your
authority under the act of Congress aforesaid.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal
of the State of Mississippi affixed hereto
At the City of Jackson this 20th day of
December A.D. 1865.

Benj G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

C. A. Broughers
Secretary of State

Executive Chamber
Jackson Mississippi
December 20th 1865.

I Benj G Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi do hereby
certify, that the affidavit hereto attached made by G E Harris before Robert
Sample a Justice of the Peace of Desoto County in Said State, Charges
Tolver Dalton, commonly called Toll Dalton, with having Killed & murdered
one W M McCauley in Said County and State, on the 1st day of February
1865. is an authentic affidavit made as therein Stated. I do further certify
that Said affidavit, and the warrant accompanying the Same, issued by Said
Sample, is in due form of law, and that Said Sample is, and was, at
the date thereof a Justice of the Peace of Said County and State, duly
elected, qualified and Commissioned. and acting according to law
and that all his acts as Such are entitled to full faith and credit
Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the
State of Mississippi affixed at Jackson
20th day of December A.D. 1865.

Benj G Humphreys
Gov of Mississippi

C A Broughers
Secretary of State.

To the Executive Authority of the State of Tennessee

Whereas it appears by the annexed document which is hereby certified to be authentic, that Armand Selley stands charged with horse stealing in the County of Lafayette State of Mississippi committed in the State of Mississippi, and information having been received that the said Armand Selley has fled from justice and taken refuge in Memphis Tennessee.

Therefore I, Benj G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi have thought proper, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States to demand the surrender of the said Armand Selley as a fugitive from justice and that he be delivered to John Gist who is hereby appointed the agent on the part of the State to receive him,

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State affixed at the City of Jackson, this 29th day of December A.D. 1865 and of the Independence of the United States of America the 89th

By the Governor, Benj G Humphreys

Seal

C. A. Broughers
Secretary of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
Janry 8 1866

To the Sheriff of Talahatchie County.
Greeting:

Whereas at the November Term 1865 of the Circuit Court of Talahatchie County, Lloyd a freedman, or free man of color, late the property of James N. Harper was convicted of the crime of Larceny of a Mule, and by the Court sentenced to confinement in the State Penitentiary for the term of two years

Now therefore I, Benjamin G Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do grant unto said Lloyd, freedman a free man of color, a full pardon for said offence, and authorize you on receipt of these presents to release him from confinement. Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 8th day of January 1866

(L. S.)

(Signed) Benj G. Humphreys

By the Governor
(signed) C. A. Broughers
Sec. of State

Proclamation,

Executive Office
Jackson

To all whom it may concern — Greeting!

Whereas, Section 6 of An Act of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, entitled "An Act authorizing the issuance of Treasury Notes as advanced upon Cotton", Approved December 19th 1861, provides "That whenever the present blockade of the ports of the Confederate States shall be raised — which shall be determined by the proclamation of the Governor declaring the fact — the Governor shall by said proclamation, require all persons to whom advances may have been made, to deliver the number of bales of Cotton upon which they have received an advance — in accordance with their respective receipts, within ninety days from the date of said proclamation"

Now therefore I, Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi; by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby proclaim that the blockade of the ports of the Confederate States has been raised; and I do require all persons to whom advances may have been made to deliver the number of bales of cotton upon which they have received an advance, in accordance with their respective receipts on file in the Auditors Office, within ninety days from the date of this proclamation,

In testimony whereof I have caused the Great seal of the State of Mississippi to be hereunto affixed,

(Seal) Witness my hand, This 8th day of January 1866

(Signed) B. G. Humphreys
Gov. of Miss.

By the Governor
(Signed) C. A. Bingham
Sec of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss
January 10th 1866

To/ The Sheriff of Wilkinson County, Miss —
— Greeting!

Whereas at the December term 1865 of the Circuit Court of the County aforesaid, General Ward, a freedman formerly the property of B. R. Inman, was convicted of the crime of larceny and, by the Court, sentenced to confinement in the State Penitentiary for the term of one year. Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do grant unto the said General Ward, freedman, a full pardon for said offense, and authorize you on receipt of this pardon to release him from confinement.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 11th day January 1866.

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
(Signed) C. A. Bingham Sec. of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss

To/ The Sheriff of Warren County Greeting:

Whereas on the 11th day of December A.D. 1865, a Respite of thirty days was granted unto Harrison Brooks freedman, late the slave of William Cooper a citizen of Warren County, under sentence of death for the crime of murder, as passed by the Criminal Court of Warren County at the December ~~term~~ session thereof 1865, which Respite will expire on the 13th day of January 1866.

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do grant unto the said Harrison Brooks, freedman a further Respite of Thirty days from and after January 12th 1866, Gm will therefore postpone the execution of said sentence of said Court until Friday the 11th day of February 1866.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed This 11th day of January 1866

(Seal) Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Bringier
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss,

To/ The Sheriff of Warren County Greeting:

Whereas, at the December Term 1865 of the Criminal Court of Warren County Mollie Kelley (Col'd) was sentenced to two years confinement in the Penitentiary for the crime of larceny,

Now therefore I, Benjamin G Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do grant unto said Mollie Kelley a full pardon for said Crime of larceny, whereof she stands convicted and authorize you on receipt of this presents to discharge her from Custody,

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed This 11th day of January 1866.

(Seal) (Signed) Benj. G Humphreys

By the Governor
(Sgd) C. A. Bringier
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To The Sheriff of Warren County — Greeting:

Whereas at the December Term 1865 of the Circuit Court of Warren County Lewis Williams a freedman was convicted of the Crime of larceny, and by the Court sentenced to Confinement in the Penitentiary for the term of six months.

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do grant unto the said Lewis Williams freedman, a free pardon for said Crime of Larceny whereof he stands convicted and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to discharge him from custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi Affixed, This 16th day of January 1866

Benj. G. Humphreys

(Seal)

By the Governor
C. A. Bingham
Sec. of State,

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To The Sheriff of Noxubee County — Greeting:

Whereas at the late November term 1865, of the Circuit Court of said County and State, Robert B. Baker was convicted of the Crime of larceny and by the Court sentenced to Confinement in the State Penitentiary for the term of six months.

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State and for good and sufficient Cause do grant unto the said Robert B. Baker a full pardon for said offence and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to discharge him from custody.

Given under my hand and the Great seal of the State of Mississippi affixed This 16th day of January 1866.

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor Miss.

(Seal)

By the Governor
C. A. Bingham
Sec of State

Proclamation

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To all whom it may Concern — Greeting:

Whereas, it is provided by a Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, Approved Dec. 4th 1865. That the Governor shall give Notice by Proclamation, When the Penitentiary is in a Condition for the reception of Convicts.

Now Therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do issue this my Proclamation Notifying all whom it may Concern, that the Penitentiary is now in a Condition for the reception of Convicts.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and Caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 29th day of January 1866.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brough
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi
Feby 2d 1866.

To the
Sheriff of Sunflower County
Greeting.

Whereas at the Regular December Term 1865. of the Circuit Court of Said County and State Becky, and Ann, were Convicted of the crime of Grand larceny and by the Court Sentenced to Confinement in the State Penitentiary for the Term of three years.

Now Therefore, I Benj G Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me, by the Constitution and laws of Said State, and for good and Sufficient Cause, do grant unto the Said Becky and Ann a full pardon for Said offense. and do authorise you on receipt of These presents to discharge them from your Custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 2d day February 1866.

Benj G Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brough
Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Hancock County:
Greeting:

Whereas at a special term of the Circuit Court of Hancock County, begun and held on Monday the 4th day of December 1865: James Stewart, was indicted in Eleven cases, for "Retailing", to wit of which case he plead guilty and was, by the Court, sentenced to pay a fine of Twenty five ($25,) in each case, and to pay the costs in each case

Now, therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby remit said fines, against the said James Stewart, and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to refrain from the collection of said fines

Given under my hand and the Great Seal
Of the State of Mississippi affixed this
February 17th 1866

(Seal)

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
(Signed) L. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Yallabusha County:
Greeting!

Pardon, W. B. May

Whereas at the November term 1860. of the Circuit Court of Yallabusha County, Missi, W. B. May was convicted of the offense of selling spirituous liquors, in less quantity than one gallon, and by the Court sentenced to pay a fine of two hundred and fifty ($250) Dollars

Now therefore I, Benjn G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State and for divers good and sufficient reasons, do grant unto the said W. B. May a full pardon for said offense, do hereby remit said fine of two hundred and fifty ($250) Dollars, and do hereby authorize you to abstain from the further proceedings for the collection of the same, on his payment of the costs.

Given under my hand and the Great seal of the
State of Mississippi affixed this March 1st
1866.

(Seal)

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
(Signed) L. A. Brougher
Sec of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Keeper of the Mississippi
Penitentiary! Greeting:

Whereas, at the December Term 1865 of the Circuit Court of Warren County, Isaac Wordsen a negro boy 12 or 14 years old, was convicted of Petit Larceny and sentenced to Confinement in the Penitentiary for one year,

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do grant unto the said Isaac Wordsen a full pardon, and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to release him from Custody,

Given under my hand and Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed This 3rd day of March A.D. 1866
(signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

(Seal)

By the Governor
(signed) C. A. Bingham
Sec. of State

Executive office.
Jackson Mississippi.

To the Sheriff of Attala County — Greeting:

Whereas at the March Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Attala County, Miss. Caesar, a freedman was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court to two years Confinement in the Penitentiary,

And therefore, I Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, and for divers good sufficient reasons thereunto moving, do grant unto the said Caesar (freedman) a full pardon for said offence of Larceny, and authorize you on receipt of this present to discharge him from custody!

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed. This 12th day of March 1866
(signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

(Seal)

By the Governor
C. A. Bingham
Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Yallobusha County:

Greeting:-

Whereas on the 10th day of October 1862. His Excellency John J. Pettus Governor of Mississippi, Stayed the collection of the following Judgements as forfeitures of Recognizances "to wit:" The State of Mississippi. vs. C. L. Worsham as principal and E Cann as Surety. The Same vs C. L. Worsham as principal and E Cann as Surety. The Same vs. C. L. Worsham and R. Williams as Surety..

And whereas his Excellency Charles Clark Governor of Mississippi on the 7th day of November 1863. Sent a Special Message in writing to the Senate of the State of Mississippi, asking their advice and Consent to the remission of Said forfeitures on payment of all Costs.

And whereas the Senate did on the 10th day of November 1863. advise and Consent to the remission of Said forfeitures in the Said Cases of the State of Mississippi vs C. L. Worsham & Sureties.

Now Therefore I Benjamin G Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Said State, do grant a free pardon to Said C. L. Worsham, and Authorize you on receipt of These presents to refrain from the Collection of Said forfeitures vs Said C. L. Worsham on payment of the Costs.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 19th day of March A.D. 1866.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brought
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Madison County Greeting:

Whereas at the March Term 1865. of the Circuit Court of Said County, Thomas Shackleford was found guilty of quartering a Slave on a lot not contiguous to his residence; and fined by the Court, the Sum of two hundred $200. Dollars

Now Therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by Virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Said State, do grant to Said Thomas Shackleford a remission of Said fine of two hundred Dollars, and do authorize you on receipt of These presents to refrain from collecting Said fine, on payment of all Costs

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 23d March 1866

Benj G Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brought
Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson, Miss. April 26

To the Sheriff of Yallabusha County:
Greeting:

James B. Townsend
Yallabusha Co.
Forfeiture
Suspended

Whereas at the October Term 1861 of the Circuit Court of Yallabusha County, a judgement was rendered against James B. Townsend on a recognizance for the appearance of J. H. Wilson under an indictment for gaming found at the May Term 1861 of said Court,
And whereas execution has been issued for the amount of said judgement two hundred and fifty ($250) Dollars

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of said State, do suspend the collection of said forfeiture until after the next meeting of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to refrain from all further steps for the collection of the same until after the next meeting of the Legislature

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of State of Mississippi affixed this day and year above written

(Seal)

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
(Signed) C. A. Bampfylde
Sec of State.

The State of Mississippi:

To all to whom these presents shall come: Greeting:

Whereas it has been certified to me R. H. Handy and William L. Harris two of the Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals of said State, that a quorum of said Court, to wit: the two Judges aforesaid are interested in the questions arising in a certain cause pending in the said Court, wherein Thomas J. Brown Auditor of Public Accounts is appellant and R. S. Buck Appellee and are thereby disqualified from sitting in said Cause,

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of said State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of said State, do hereby specially commission Geo. L. Potter and A. P. Hill as Special Judges for the determination of said Cause. In testimony whereof I, Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State aforesaid have caused these letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Jackson the 26th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six and of the sovereignty of the State of Mississippi the forty eighth.

By the Governor
C. A. Bampfylde Sec of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss.
May 9th 1861

To the Sheriff of Newton County
Or to the Sheriff of any other County—Greeting:

Whereas His Excellency, J. Madison Wells, Governor of Louisiana, has authorized and empowered John McIntyre in place of Geo. W. Dunton heretofore designated to take and receive from the proper authorities of the State of Mississippi John O. Noble, a fugitive from justice and convey him to the State of Louisiana, there to be dealt with according to law,

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi do by virtue of the power vested in me, by the Constitution and Laws of this State, direct and require you to arrest if not already arrested the said John O. Noble, and deliver him to the custody of the said John McIntyre, the agent appointed by the Governor of the State of Louisiana, to the end that he may be conveyed to the jurisdictional limits where he stands charged

In testimony whereof witness my signature and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi hereto affixed, this 9th day of May 1861

(Seal)

Benj. G. Humphreys
Gov. of Miss.

By the Governor
C. A. Bringier
Sec of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi June 4th 1866

To the Sheriff of Pike County Whereas it appears that at the September Term AD 1859 of the Circuit Court of Pike County Hezekiah Williams was tried, and found guilty of the crime of cruel and unusual punishment to a Slave, and was sentenced to pay a fine of five hundred dollars, and to be imprisioned in the County jail for a term of Six months,

And Whereas John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi, did on the 2d day of June 1862 grant a pardon to the Said Hezekiah Williams as to the imprisionment

And Whereas it has been represented to me, that the Said Williams is now a Lunatic, and a charge upon his friends &c

Now therefore, I Benj G Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do grant him a respite, and remit the fine and forfeiture until the meeting of the Legislature. And do require you on receipt of these letters to release him from Confinement

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this day and year first above written

(Seal)

Benj G Humphreys
Governor

C A Bringier
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Warren County Greeting: Whereas at the May Term 1866 of the Criminal Court of Warren County, Preston Dorch was Convicted of the Crime of "Shooting with intent to Kill;" and by the Court Sentenced to be confined at hard labor in the State Penitentiary for the Term of four (4) years.

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Said State, do grant a full Pardon to Said Preston Dorch, for Said Crime of "Shooting with intent to Kill", and do authorize You, on receipt of these presents to release him from Custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 7th day of June 1866

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Bougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office Jackson June 13 1866

General

I received yesterday the letter of Brevet Brig. Gen. H. D. Whipple of June 5 and forwarded by you under date of June 11, requesting me to furnish you for the information of Major Gen Thomas a report as to what I can and will do to bring the Assassins of Lieut Manning to justice – Also whether I desire military assistance to aid in the arrest of the assassins; and if so, when and how military aid can be best used for that purpose. I am not able to say what I can do.

Some time since I have the honor to forward to you statements made by the Mayor of Granada and the District Attorney of what has been done.

It seems thus far to be impossible to discover any clue that leads to the identity of the Assassin. If he can be identified he will be caught, tried, convicted and hung. I cannot conceive what assistance the military can render unless they can identify the assassin and give information of his whereabouts.

I think the people in that neighborhood have manifested a strong disposition to bring him to justice and I know the civil authorities will bring all the power of the State to their assistance in ferreting him out and bringing him to condign punishment. Referring you to the report of the Mayor of Granada and the District Attorney

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Benj. G. Humphreys
Gov. of Mississippi

To
Maj. Gen. Thos. J. Wood
Comdg Department
of Mississippi
Vicksburg
Miss.

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To The Sheriff of Yazoo County — Greeting:

Whereas it is represented to me, that W. B. Nelson, a citizen of Yazoo County is now confined in the jail of said County under sentence of death by hanging for the crime of murder, as passed by the ~~[illegible]~~ circuit Court of Yazoo County at its late May term Judge J. A. P. Campbell presiding, which sentence you are ordered to execute on Friday the 20th day of July Inst.

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me, by the Constitution and laws of said State, do grant unto the said W. B. Nelson a Respite for twenty eight days (28) from and after Friday the 20th day of July 1866.

Given under my hand and the Great seal of the State of Mississippi, affixed the 19th day of July A.D. 1866

By the Governor
C. A. Bringhen
Secretary of State

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys
~~Governor~~

Proclamation!

Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi:

To the Sheriff of Tishomingo County: Greeting:

Whereas by the verdict of a jury of Inquest of said County Wm. L. Duncan Senator from said County has been pronounced unsound in mind, thereby a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term of which has more than one year to run: And whereas, the laws of this State, in such cases require that such vacancy shall be filled by the people

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do issue this, my Writ requiring you to hold an election at the usual precincts in your County, on Monday the first day of October next for a Senator from the County of Tishomingo to fill out the unexpired term of the said Wm. L. Duncan, and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct said election in all respects according to law, and make due return thereof to the office of the Secretary of State,

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed at the Executive Office in the City of Jackson this 24th day of July 1866.

(Seal)

By the Governor (signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

(signed) C. A. Bringhen

Proclamation!

Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi;

To the Sheriff of Jefferson County: Greeting:

Whereas by the resignation of E.H. Hicks a Representative from said County in the State Legislature a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term of which has more than one year to run! And whereas the laws of this State in such cases require that such vacancy shall be filled by the people.

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do issue this my Writ requiring you to hold an election at the usual precincts in your County on Monday the first day of October next, for a Representative from said County in the Legislature to fill out the unexpired term of the said E.H. Hicks, And I do enjoin you to hold and conduct said election in all respects according to law, and make due return thereof to the office of the Secretary of State,

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed at Executive office in the City of Jackson this 24th day of July 1866.

(Seal)

By the Governor Benj. G. Humphreys

C.A. Bringhers
Secretary of State,

Proclamation!

Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Wayne County: Greeting:

Whereas by the resignation of Hon. R.M. Tindall, a Representative in the Legislature from said County, a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term of which has more than one year to run; And whereas the laws of this State in such cases, require that such vacancy shall be filled by the people,

Now, therefore, I Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do issue this my Writ requiring you to hold an election at the usual precincts in your County on Monday the first day of October next for a Representative from said County in the Legislature to fill ~~the vacancy~~ and the unexpired term of the said R.M. Tindall. And I do enjoin you to hold and conduct said election in all respects according to law, and make due return thereof to the office of the Secretary of State

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, at Executive office in the City of Jackson this 24th day of July 1866.

(Seal)

By the Governor Benj. G. Humphreys

C.A. Bringhers Secretary of State

Proclamation!

Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi.

To the Sheriffs of Lauderdale and Newton Counties: Greeting:

Whereas by the Resignation of Robert Leachman, Senator from the Senatorial District composed of said Counties, a vacancy has occurred in said Office, the unexpired term of which has more than one year to run: And whereas the laws of this State, in such cases require that such vacancy shall be filled by the people.

Now, therefore, I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do issue this my Writ requiring you to hold an election at the Precincts in your Counties on Monday the first day of October next for a State Senator from said Senatorial District to fill out the unexpired term of the said Robert Leachman. And I do enjoin you to hold and conduct the said election in all respects according to law, and make due return thereof to the Office of the Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed at Executive Office, in the City of Jackson this 24th day of July 1866

(Seal)

By the Governor
(Signed) C. A. Bramlett.
Secretary of State

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson, Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Washington County - Greeting:

Whereas at the July Term 1866 of the County Court of said County Henry Percy Lee, was by the Judgement of said Court fined one hundred dollars ($100 00) and sentenced to one months imprisonment for the unlawful exhibition of a loaded pistol.

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do grant a full pardon to said Henry Percy Lee as to said imprisonment, and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to release him from Custody on his payment of said fine and Costs

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed at office this 26th day of July A.D. 1866

sign Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
R. A. Bramlett
Sec. of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. July 25th 1866

To the Sheriff of Pike County — Greeting:

Whereas at the March Term 1864 of the Circuit Court of Pike County, a judgement was rendered against John Wittenan, on a recognizance for the appearance of E. Young under an indictment for swindling, for the sum of five hundred Dollars ($500.00) on which execution has issued,

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do suspend the collection of said forfeiture until after the next meeting of the Legislature; and do authorize you to receipt for the parties to refrain from the collection all further steps for the collection of the same until after the meeting of the next Legislature.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed, this day and year first above written

(Seal)

By the Governor

Benj. G. Humphreys

E. A. Bingham
Sec of State

Proclamation!

Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi:

To the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the State aforesaid — Greeting:

Whereas, The First Monday in October, 1866, is the day appointed by law for holding an election in this State; and Whereas, it is made my duty to issue a writ requiring you to hold said election at the time and place appointed by law,

Now, therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do issue this my writ, requiring you to hold an election at the usual precincts in your respective counties, on the first Monday in October A.D. 1866 for the following officers to serve for terms specified by law, to wit:

One Judge of the High Court of Errors and Appeals for the District, composed of the Counties of Warren, Hinds, Rankin, Scott, Newton, Lauderdale, Kemper, Choctaw, Leake, Madison, Yazoo, Issaquena, Washington, Sunflower, Holmes, Attala, Winston and Noxubee,

One Judge of the Circuit Court for the District in which your County is included by law,

One District Attorney for the District in which your County is included by law,

One Judge of the Probate Court;
One Clerk of the Circuit Court;
One Assessor of Taxes;
One County Treasurer;
One Ranger;
One Clerk of the Probate Court;
One Sheriff;
One Coroner;
One County Surveyor;

Five members of the Board of Police and such number of Justices of

the Peace and Constables as the law requires.
At said election you will notice and carry out all the requirements of
make due return thereof to the office of the Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
Caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi
to be affixed at Executive Office, in the
City of Jackson, this 24th day of
July 1866.

(Seal)

By the Governor
C. A. Bougher
Secretary of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

Proclamation!

I, Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the state of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do issue this my Proclamation convening the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, on Monday the 15th day of October A.D. 1866. at the hour of 12 o'clock M.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, at Executive office in the City of Jackson, this 18th day of August A.D. 1866.

(Seal)

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Bougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office

Jackson Miss Sept 4/66

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary of the State of Miss

Greeting

Whereas Lydia Brown is now confined in the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi under sentence from the Circuit Court of Warren County in the State of Miss at the November term 1865 thereof, convicted of the crime of petit larceny, and whereas I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Miss by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, do grant this my full pardon to the said Lydia Brown and require your release of the said Lydia Brown from further imprisonment under said judgment.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, this day and year above written

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Bougher

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Sept. 12th 1866

To the Sheriff of Sunflower Co.
Greeting!

Fine

Wm R. Wren

Sunflower County

Whereas at the Spring term 1866 of the Circuit Court of said County. Wm. R. Wren. a justice of the Peace of said County was convicted of gaming and sentenced by the Court to pay a fine of Five Hundred Dollars.

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys. Governor of the State of Mississippi; by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do remit all of said fine of Five Hundred Dollars except the sum of Twenty Dollars: and do authorize you on receipt of this ~~proceedings~~ proceed to abstain from all proceedings to collect said fine from Wm R. Wren on his payment of the sum of Twenty Dollars and the costs.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed. This day and year first above written.

(L S)

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Bingham
Sec of State

Proclamation!!

Benj. G. Humphreys. Governor of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Yazoo County:: Greeting

Whereas by the resignation of N. G. Aye as Representative from Yazoo County a vacancy has occurred in said office. the unexpired term of which has more than one year to run: And, whereas the laws of this State in such cases require that such vacancy shall be filled by the people.

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys. Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by by the Constitution and laws of said State. do issue this. my Writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your County on Monday. the first day of October next for a Representative in the Mississippi Legislature to fill out the unexpired term of the said N. G. Aye.

And I do enjoin you to hold and conduct said election in all respects according to law. and make due return thereof to the Office of the Secretary of State.

In testimony Whereof. I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed at Executive office. in the City of Jackson this 14th day of Sept. 1866

(L. S.)

By the Governor: Benj. G Humphreys

C. A. Bingham Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi
Sept. 18th 1866

To The Sheriff of Lawrence County

You are hereby authorized and required to enforce the collection of the forfeiture of the recognizance of R. P. May and his securities, John Dickerson and W. C. Maxwell, in the case of the State of Mississippi vs R. P. May until the meeting of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi

R.P. May

Given under my hand and Great Seal of the State affixed.

(L. S.)

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Broughter
Secty of State

Proclamation

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Sept. 25 1866

To All whom it may concern — Greeting

Whereas by proclamation made by me on the 8th day of January 1866 requiring all persons to whom advances had been made on cotton by virtue of an Act entitled An Act to authorizing the issuance of Treasury Notes as an advance upon cotton, Approved Dec. 19th 1861, to deliver the number of bales of cotton upon which they had received an advance, in accordance with their respective receipts on file in the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts, within ninety days from the date of said proclamation,

And, whereas, by An Act of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi entitled "An Act Authorizing the issuance of Treasury Notes" as an advance upon cotton", Approved Dec. 19th 1861, provides in section 7 of said act that the Governor is authorized to settle the same; shall receive from the persons to whom the cotton may be delivered for sale, by the parties obtaining the advance, nothing but gold and silver or the Treasury Notes issued under this act; in payment of said advances, Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me, by the Constitution and laws of said state and the duties imposed upon me in said act, require all persons to whom advances have been made under said said act to come forward and pay the same, either in gold or silver or said Treasury Notes, within thirty days from the date of this proclamation or suit will be instituted on said bonds

Given under my hand and seal and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 25th day of September 1866

By the Governor
C. A. Broughter
Secty of State

Benj. G. Humphreys.

Proclamation

Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Marshall County - Greeting

Whereas by the resignation of Thos. B. Webber, member of the Legislature of Mississippi a vacancy has occurred in said office - and whereas the laws of this state require in such cases that such vacancy shall be filled by the people - Now therefore I B. G. Humphreys Governor of the state of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said state do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election in the several precincts in your county on Monday the 22d October 1866 for one member of the State Legislature to fill out the unexpired term of the said Thomas B. Webber

And I do require you to hold and conduct the said election in all respects according to law; and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed. At the Executive Office in the city of Jackson this 4th day of October 1866.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. C. Brought
Secretary of State

Proclamation

Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Sunflower Co. - Greeting

Whereas by the resignation of the Hon Jas. Y. McNeil, Representative in the Legislature from said county, a vacancy has occurred in said office the unexpired term of which has more than one year to run: and whereas the laws of this state in such cases require that such vacancy shall be filled by the people

Now, therefore, I Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said state, do issue this my Writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your county on Monday the 22d ~~day~~ of October next, for a Representative in the Legislature to fill out the unexpired term of the said Jas. Y. McNeil. And I do enjoin you to hold the said election in all respects according to law and make due return thereof to the office of the Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, at Executive Office in the city of Jackson this 8th day of October 1866.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. C. Brought
Secretary of State

Proclamation

To the Sheriff of Carroll County — Greeting —

Whereas at the April term of the Circuit Court of said County, Robt J. McGinty indicted for the crime of Forgery, surrendered himself to the Sheriff of said County and is now in Jail awaiting his trial — and whereas it appears that the indictment under which this arrest was made was one of a series of indictments found against said McGinty for the same offence, some one of which he was convicted and sentenced to the Penitentiary, which he was serving out his term when the Federal Army approached Jackson when he was pardoned by my Predecessor Hon Jno. J. Pettus

Now therefore I A. G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said state, do grant this my full pardon to Robt J. McGinty confined in the Jail of Carroll County, charged with the crime of forgery and do authorize you upon receipt of these presents to release him from custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi at Executive Office at the City of Jackson, this the 6th day of October 1866.

Benjn G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brumphet
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Oct 9 1866

To the Sheriff of Washington County — Greeting —

Whereas at the January term 1866 of the Probate Court of said County a judgement nisi-si for the sum of fifty dollars $50 00 was made absolute against A. J. Paxton Executor of Jno. G. Paxton deceased for failing to make an annual report of his doings as such Executor which report has been since made and found by the Court to be satisfactory.

Now therefore I A. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said state do remit said fine of fifty dollars and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to refrain from all further proceedings to collect the same.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed at the City of Jackson this 10th day of October 1866

Benjn G. Humphreys
Governor

By the Governor
C. A. Brumphet
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss.

To The Superintendent of the Penitentiary: Greeting:

Tillman (pardon)

Whereas at the September Term 1866. of the Circuit Court of Claiborne County Tillman (a Freedman) was convicted of the crime of Larceny and by the Court sentenced to one years Confinement in the Penitentiary Now therefore, I Benj. G. Humphreys. Governor of the State of Mississippi: by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State. do grant a full pardon to said Tillman (freedman) for said offence and do authorize you on receipt of this presents to release him from Confinement.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed This 17th day of October A.D. 1866

(signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

(L.S.)
By the Governor. C.A. Bingham Sec of State.

William J. Fisher (Pardon)

To the Sheriff of Hinds County, or the Sheriff of any other County: Greeting:

Whereas at the February Term 1861 of the Circuit Court of Lauderdale County. William J. Fisher was convicted of Assault & Battery with intent to kill one G.W. McInnis and by the Court sentenced to five (5) years Confinement in the State Penitentiary and whereas an appeal was taken to the High Court of Errors & Appeals of the State of Mississippi; when the cause is now pending.
Now therefore I. Benj. G. Humphreys. Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State. do grant a full pardon to said William J. Fisher for said offence and do authorize you on receipt of this presents to discharge him from Custody and Confinement.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed This 17th October 1866.

Benj. G. Humphreys

(L.S.)
By the Governor
(signed) C.A. Bingham
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Octo. 19th 1866

To The Senate

I have examined the papers herewith transmitted, and recommend the remission of the forfeitures in all these cases, viz

State of Mississippi
vs
D. E. Liggitt Recognizance forfeited April Term High Court 1865. $10,000 principal and $10,000 each of two sureties, Total $30,000.

State of Mississippi
vs
R. D. May. Forfeited April Term High Court 1866

State of Mississippi
vs
H. C. Hodnoy et al Forfeited April Term High Court 1866 $10,000

State of Mississippi
vs
Jno. Wittenman Forfeited March Term, Pike Co, 1864.

State of Mississippi
vs
Wiley, D. Hughes Copiah County

Very Respectfully
Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office Jackson Miss Octo. 24, 66

Mr. President

I am directed by His Excellency, the Governor of Mississippi, to inform the Senate that he has approved and signed the following Senate bills,

1 An Act To incorporate the Amite Chapter No 42 of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Liberty, and for other purposes,
2 An Act To incorporate the East port Oil, Mining and Manufacturing Company
3 An Act To remove the civil disabilities of Mary Taylor Smith and Margaret Lyle Smith
4 An Act. Entitled An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the town of Pats Mills in the County of Chickasaw, Approved the 26th of January 1852.
5 An Act. To remove the civil disabilities of Garrett Carney, a minor of Amite and John Shields of Rankin County
6 An Act To Incorporate the Pop Christian College in the County of Harrison.
7 An Act To legalize the assessment Rolls of 1866,
8 An Act To amend and reduce into one the original act and the amendatory thereto incorporating the Mississippi Manufacturing Company.
9 An Act To incorporate the Cairo and Tennessee River Rail Road Company and for other purposes
10 An Act To incorporate the Town of Lodi, Choctaw County.
11 An Act For the relief of the Probate Clerk of Lauderdale County

J. T. Mayes Pro Tem

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Oct

To The Senate

Hezekiah Williams Forfeiture

I herewith transmit the Petition of Hezekiah Williams and others citizens of Pike County and recommend the remission of fine and forfeiture in the case of State vs Hezekiah Williams in the Circuit Court of Pike County

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office
Jackson Miss
Oct 27th 1866

Mr. President

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor of Mississippi to inform the Senate that he has affixed and signed the following Senate Bills.

12 An Act To amend the Act to incorporate the North Mississippi Savings Institution.

13 An Act To be entitled an act to establish the Yalobusha Agricultural District.

14 An Act To create a new County in this State to be named the County of Lee

15 An Act To incorporate the Jackson Savings Fire Insurance Company

16 An Act To incorporate the Chatawa Water Power and Manufacturing Company.

17 An Act To protect citizens of certain Counties where fuel and timber has become scarce

J. G. Maury
Priv Secretary

Executive Office
Jackson Miss
Oct 27

Mr. Speaker

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor of Mississippi, to inform the House that he has affixed and signed the following House Bills and Resolutions

1 An Act For the relief of E. L. Sykes of Monroe County Miss

2 " " To incorporate the Marshall Manufacturing Company

3 " " To incorporate the Holly Springs Savings and Insurance Company

4 " " To repeal An Act entitled An act to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Water Valley, Approved [illegible]

5 " " To incorporate the Franklin Masonic High School

6 " " To amend the Charter of the city of Aberdeen

7 " " To incorporate the ~~City~~ Town of Sardis in the County of [illegible]

8 " " To repeal An act entitled An act to provide for the [illegible] in the County of Choctaw

9 " " To incorporate the town of Batesville in the County of Panola

10 " " To define the corporate limits of the town of Vicksburg

11 An Act [illegible] De Soto County,

12 " " [illegible] Hinds County in the [illegible] the [illegible] 29th 1865 [illegible] the [illegible] County of Newton,

13 " " [illegible] the benefit of C. A. Bryant and John Thirsk of Lauderdale in Co[illegible]

14 " " [illegible] the time of [illegible] the Circuit Court of Lowndes County,

15 " " [illegible] An Act [illegible] An Act to incorporate the Grand Gulf [illegible] Railroad Company approved October 11th 1852,

16 " " [illegible] the line of Mississippi in the County of [illegible]

17 " " [illegible] the agent and of lands of this State,

18 " " [illegible] the Freedom of William S. Wilson to [illegible] certain [illegible] in the [illegible] of Chickasaw,

19 " " [illegible] the proceedings of the Probate Court of Hancock County,

20 " " [illegible] the town of Lauderdale Station in Lauderdale County Mississippi

21 " " [illegible] the name of Nina [illegible] South of Newton County to Nina [illegible]

22 " " [illegible] the [illegible] of Reports of Decisions of High Court of Errors and [illegible]

23 " " [illegible] Dog River in Jackson County [illegible]

24 " " To [illegible] James Scott Rivers to build and put up a Toll [illegible] bridge of Biloxi in the County of Harrison,

25 Joint Resolution [illegible] the hour of adjournment,

26 Act To [illegible] Institution in the Town of Carrollton Carroll County [illegible]

27 " " To [illegible] the City of Shuddersburgh and for other purposes

28 " " To [illegible] Trustees of the Catholic Church at Jackson Mississippi to [illegible] said City

29 " " To [illegible] the salary of the Probate Judges of Hancock and Rankin Counties [illegible] other purposes.

30 " " To incorporate the St Josephs' School for Girls. A charitable and Educational Institution in the City of Natchez.

31 " " For the relief of the Estate of Ransom H. Byrne

32 " " To define the tax upon Savings Institutions,

33 " " To incorporate the town of Sessumsville in the County of Pike and State [illegible]

34 " [illegible] of the [illegible] and confirmed lands in Perry [illegible]

35 " " [illegible] and proceedings and transacts that have [illegible] the seal of [illegible]

36 " " [illegible] the [illegible] and for other purposes.

37 " " [illegible] disabilities of E. Otis Thomas of Pittsahall County

38 " " [illegible] of Civil Engineer for the purpose of compiling a [illegible] maps under certain conditions,

J. F. Murray
Private Secretary

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Jackson, Miss., October 16, 1866.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:—

The necessities of the State constrained me to convene you in extra session. No special emergency, but a general exigency, resulting from the altered and deranged condition of our Federal Relations and domestic affairs, at the termination of the late civil war which, in the nature of things, could not be fully adjusted and provided for at your first session, now demand your further consideration and attention.

The removal of the negro troops from the limits of the State, and the transfer of the Freedman's Bureau to the administration and control of the officers of the Regular Army now commanding the white troops in the District of Mississippi, are subjects of congratulation to you and to the country. The white race is thus relieved from the insults, irritations and spoliation to which they were so often subjected, and the black race from that demoralization which rendered them averse to habits of honest industry, and which was fast sinking them in habits of idleness, pauperism and crime. Both races are now settling down in business life and cultivating those sentiments of mutual friendship and confidence so essential to the prosperity and happiness of both.

Beyond these congratulations there is but little in the political horizon to cheer the patriot or excite the hopes of our citizens. That small cloud of fanaticism that rose in the East, at first no larger than a man's hand, and spread with such irresistable fury, overthrowing constitutional barriers and destroying the rights and property of a portion of the States of the Union, still overshadows our land with all its portentous blackness. Our Senators and Representatives to Congress are yet refused their seats. The Radical Congress has enacted laws and proposed amendments to the Constitution, which if adopted will destroy the rights of the States and of the people, and centralize all the powers of government in the Federal Head. Against this threatening cloud of ruin the President has interposed the Executive power of the Government, and has thus drawn upon his devoted head all its fury and vengeance. The conservative patriotism of the North, and the brave soldiers who boldly marched up to the battle line *and fought for the Union*, and who are now unwilling to lend themselves to the unholy work of trampling down the constitutional liberties of a people who succumbed to the mighty power of our now common government, are arrayed in support of his administration in its efforts to restore to the States their Constitutional rights in the Union. The result of the fierce struggle between the President and Congress, time alone can reveal. In the adjustment of what they term "plans of reconstruction of the Union," the South can have no voice, and can only submit to the power that controls her. As the Chief Magistrate of the State I have sedulously avoided all collision with Federal power and have yielded obedient acquiescence in every case of usurpation and wrong inflicted upon our citizens by Federal authority. Our people are wearied of war, its desolation, its vandalism. They have returned to their allegiance to the Constitution of the United States. They now seek for peace, its quiet and security by submission to its power. They have nobly met and heroically performed their duties and responsibilities to Constitutional liberty, and proudly conscious of rectitude, they transmit to posterity and to history the record of the past without a blush of contrition or dishonor.

Though our voice cannot be heard, nor our rights respected in the adjustment of our Federal Relations, many questions present themselves for our consideration and action as citizens of the State that may affect our condition as citizens in the Union. Prominent among them is the amendment proposed by Congress as number XIV, which, at the request of the Honorable Secretary of State, William H. Seward, I herewith report for your action.—This amendment, adopted by a Congress of less than three-fourths of the States of the Union, in palpable violation of the rights of more than one-fourth of the States, is such an insulting outrage and denial of the equal rights of so many of our worthiest citizens who have shed lustre and glory upon our section and our race, both in the forum and in the field, such a gross usurpation of the rights of the State, and such a centralization of power in the Federal Government, that I presume, a mere reading of it, will cause its rejection by you.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

passed by Congress at its recent session conflicts directly with many of our State laws, passed in pursuance to the amendment to the State Constitution emancipating the slaves in the State and requiring the Legislature "to guard them and the State, from the evils that may arise from their sudden emancipation," and has been a fruitful source of disturbance.

Immediately after your adjournment in December 1865, I appointed Hon. Wm. Yerger of Hinds County, and Hon. J. M. Acker of Monroe County, Commissioners to visit Washington City, and lay these laws before the President and to request him to indicate which of them the military authorities in the State would be allowed to nullify.

The President, in his reply, gave them full assurance that none of them should be nullified except by the Civil Courts of the land. No violent collision has yet occurred between the State and Federal authorities, and I fear none so long as the military District of Mississippi is under the administration of the present distinguished military commander, who has, in the settlement of the many delicate questions that have arisen shown so just a sentiment toward our State and people. Thus far, all questions that could not be otherwise adjusted have been submitted to the judicial tribunals of the country, and are now undergoing judicial investigation. While the "Civil Rights' Bill" cannot be received as a rule for your guidance, the interests of the white race will be subserved by the relaxation of the rigidity of our laws, which in order to guard society against threatening evils, was rendered necessary. Public justice to both races demand the admission of negro testimony in all cases brought before the civil and criminal Courts. And now that the negro has shown a confiding and friendly disposition toward the white race, and a desire to engage in the pursuits of honest labor, justice and honor demands of us full protection to his person and property, real and personal. Fire arms are not essential to his protection, prosperity or happinees; and society should be guarded by requiring him to procure a license to carry them—a privilege he can always secure where his character for good conduct and honesty is known.

AUDITOR'S AND TREASURER'S REPORTS.

The Reports of the Auditor and Treasurer transmitted herewith, exhibit the transactions of their respective offices from the 16th Oct. 1865 to Oct. 15th, 1866, and the condition of the Treasury at that time. These reports show—viz:

Receipts into the Treasury (from all sources) in U. S. Currency,		$569,048 48
Disbursements in United States Currency		507,086 10
Leaving a balance of		$61,962 38
From which must be deducted:		
Specie on hand	88 52	
Internal Improvement fund	1259 39	
Amount to pay registered warrants	614 49	
Received under an act, dated, November 21st, 1865, for wounded and disabled soldiers,	60,000 00	—$61,962 38

Uncurrent funds on hand in the Treasury October 15th 1866, viz:

Confederate Treasury notes (new issue,)	$780,277 24	
Mississippi Military money	13,149 16	
Auditor's change warrants	$1,407 08	
Auditor's Pay Warrant No. 905, dated Ap'l 26, '65	65 00	
Misssissippi Cotton Money	528 00	
Making a total of		$795,936 48
Of the Three Per Cent. Fund there is, in two bonds of the Mississippi and Tennessee R. R. Co.		$20,949,07
Certificate of capital stock in Gulf and Ship Island Rail Road		$5,000 00
One bond of N. O., J. & G. N. Rail Road		20,000 00
Making a total of		$45,949 07
Of the Internal Improvement Fund, there are eighteen certificates of capital stock in Miss Central R. R. Company amounting to		272,350 00
Eighteen certificates of capital stock in N. O. J. & G. N. R. R. Co. amounting to		448,375 00
Making a total of		$720,725 00
Of the Chickasaw School Fund, there are eleven penal bonds of the N O J & G N R Company bearing 8 per cent. interest and payable 7 (seven) years after date		$200,000 00
The penaly is for an amount double the amount borrowed, or		$400,000 00)
Two hundred first mortgage construction bonds, as collateral security for the indebtedness to the Chickasaw fund		$200,000 00

For the ability, business capacity and faithful fidelity to their public trusts, the Auditor and the Treasurer deserve the commendation of myself and the confidence of your honorable body.

THE CHICKASAW SCHOOL FUND.

In obedience to "an act further to secure the indebtedness of the Railroad Companies in this State on account of the money borrowed from the State, under an act approved March 7th, 1856," I demanded of the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad Company, the Mississippi Central Railroad Company, and the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company, new bonds, or obligations for the lost bonds and new securities for the old securities, amply sufficient to secure the semi-annual payment of the interest, and the ultimate payment of the sums of money which are due and owing to the State of Mississippi on the 1st of January, 1863, on account of money by them respectively borrowed. These Companies have all refused to comply with my demands; and the Attorney General has been instructed to institute suits against them within six months from and after the notice of such demand. In view of the great labor attendant upon the ins titution of these suits,—they being instituted in different and remote portions of the State, and the Attorney General's presence being constantly required at the seat of Government, I recommond that he be relieved from the institution of, and attending the trial of these suits in the District Courts.

DISABLED SOLDIERS.

By an act passed at your last session for the "relief of destitute disabled Confederate and State soldiers, and their widows, and the support and education of indigent children of deceased or disabled Confederate or State soldiers," the sum of $60,000, has been reserved from the revenue of the State, and remains undistributed, in consequence of the failure of many of the Boards of Police of the several counties to report their lists (as required by the act) to guide the Auditor in making the distribution, proper to the respective counties, "in proportion to the number of beneficiaries reported in said lists."—This sum of $60,000, was the amount reserved from the revenue collected under "an act levying a tax upon certain persons and property therein named," aud properly belongs to the fiscal year, ending 30th April, 1866. The proviso to the first section of the act authorizes the Boards of Police to apply this sum for the fiscal year ending 30th April, "for the support of the indigent families of their respectiqe counties." In view of the destitution existing among this worthy and meritorious class, and to prevent unnecessary suffering, delay, and pecuniary expenditure,, I recommend the appointment of an agent to visit the North-Western States to purchase provisions, to be distributed at convenient depots, in different parts of the State, in anticipation of the returns to be made of the number of beneficiaries; the provisions to be distributed by such person or board as you may appoint for this purpose, or in accordance with their directions, or of the Boards of Police of the counties, as you may deem proper. It is thought that the sum of $60,000 is insufficient for this purpose, and also to provide for the education of indigent children, which is a sacred duty we owe to the brave heroes, whose lives were given in defence of our lost cause. I recommend that the law limiting the amount to $60,000 for the object first cited, be repealed; and that 20 per cent. of the entire revenue of the State be appropriated annually for that purpose. Before I dismiss this subject, I desire to call your notice, in connection with it, to the Orphan's Home for the children of the State, many of whom are children of deceased Confederate soldiers, established at Lauderdale Springs, in Lauderdale county. It deserves your fostering care; and it should ever be our aim, in caring for and educating these deserving children, thus to build a monument of gratitude and affectionate rememberance of the fallen dead,—worthy of their deeds,—beneficial to their children, and full of honor to the State.

It is my grateful duty to acknowledge the receipt of $9,000 from the noble ladies of Baltimore, through the hands of their Treasurer, Mrs. Charlotte Latrobe, a loved daughter of Mississippi, for the relief of "disabled soldiers, and widows and orphans of deceased soldiers of our State." I understand this sum has been increased by funds received by others from the same source, to the sum of $18,000.

This magnificent donation and noble charity, is a renewed evidence of the tender sympathy felt for the families of our gallant dead and their brave survivors, and a touching tribute to the justice of the cause for which they fought and suffered, and must forever bind the hearts of true Mississippians, in chords of love and affection to the true hearted and patriotic Ladies of Maryland.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The report of the State Architect, Capt. A. J. Herod, exhibits the condition of the Public Buildings, the progress of the repairs, and the amount expended on each building. The sums appropriated have proved to be totally inadequate, and they all remain in an unfinished condition. A much larger amount than was appropriated has been expended on the Executive mansion, which is explained in the report of the State architect. The building is now fully protected from damage by rains, and other causes of injury and decay, and, though unfinished, is sufficiently repaired for comfortable use. Shortly after his appointment, the Architect made a survey of the State Capitol and reported to me the decaying condition of the frame work of the roof, and of all the walls, and the utter insufficiency of the appropriation to make the repairs absolutely necessary to save the building from utter ruin. A large sum is yet needed to complete the repairs, and make the building safe and secure. The expenditure upon the

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Have also exceeded the appropriation, and large additional appropriations will be required to place it in a proper state for the accomodation and security of the inmates, and for the protection of that portion already completed. The appropriation for the

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Was entirely inadequate to make it even secure from injury; and it will require further appropriations to place it in proper condition.

The appropriation for the Executive mansion, was		$ 5,000 00
The expenditure in excess amount to	$ 7,199 03½	
The estimated sum yet needed to put it thorough repair, is $14,500 00.		
The appropriation for the Capitol was		
The expenditures in excess has been	12,500 00	12,000 00
The estimated sum yet required to put in thorough repair, is $24,000 00.		
The appropriation for repairing the Penitentiary, was		
Estimated sum yet required to put it in thorough repair, is $65,000 00.		30,000 00
The appropriation for the Lunatic Asylum, was		
The expenditure in excess has been	287 05	5,000 00
The estimated sum yet required to put it in thorough repair, is $18,350 00.		
The amount appropriated for Furniture, for Executive mansion, was		
The expenditure in excess has been	1,927 21	2,000 00
The estimated sum yet required, is $5,000 00.		

The work done upon these Public Buildings has been of the most substantial kind. The progress of the repairs has been much retarded by the difficulty in procuring labor and materials; and the high price of both has necessarily limited the extent of the repairs. The State Architect has bestowed his undivided attention and care to the task imposed upon him. He has displayed great industry, business capacity, and scientific skill and ability, and invites a strict scrutiny into his accounts and vouchers, and of the progress and character of the improvements made.

PENITENTIARY.

The accompanying report of the Inspectors, Superintendent, Physician and Chaplain, and the Agent of the Penitentiary exhibits the operations, improvements and present condition of that Institution, and contain many valuable suggestions for further improvements. The heavy expense incurred in removing the rubbish and placing its different departments in a condition for use, was unavoidable. To prepare it for the profitable employment of the convicts, it will require very large additional expenditures. This is made manifest by the weekly and increasing accessions to the number of inmates—the present inability to find employment suitable to their confined condition—and the constantly increasing expense incident to their support. Some relief may be found by re-adjusting the criminal laws so as to limit punishment in the Penitentiary to certain classes of crimes and authorizing punitive labor for minor offences within the limits of the respective counties.

The amount drawn from the Treasury up to September 30th was	$47,624 72
Amount of Brick Sold	971 00
Number of Convicts Received	160
" Now in Prison	130
" Of Cells Ready for Occupation	100

The attention of the Inspectors to the interests of the Institution have been constant and unremitting, and I cordially join with them in their commendations of the able and efficient Superintendent, Col. Geo. L. Donald. I have known him long and well as a soldier in the field, and I have ever found him a brave and gallant officer, a rigid disciplinarian, tempered with justice and humanity to those under his command, and a gentleman faithful to all the obligations of truth and honor.

SALT WORKS AND DISTILLERY.

Under "An act to authorize the Governor to appoint a Commissioner to sell all the property invested in the State Distillery and Salt Works," I appointed J. S. Robinson, of Carroll county, who has taken possession of all the property found belonging to the Distillery, and has submitted an inventory of property and papers. In a partial account rendered by the Commissioner, he reports a sale of a part of the property for $531 41, U. S. Currency, which he has paid into the Treasury. He has also deposited with the Treasurer the sum of $—— in Confederate Treasury Notes, found among the papers of Col. Strong, who was the State Agent. The property of the Salt Works cannot be found and hence cannot be reported.

THE REVENUE BILL.

Passed at your last session is believed to be sufficient for all the wants of the State. Much of the tax of one dollar per each bale of this year's crop will be lost to the State if the law be not altered so as to require the collector to collect it before the cotton is shipped, as is now done in the collection of the Special Tax. By law, the assessment of the present growing crop, will not be made until after the 1st of May, 1867, and will be collected during that fiscal year. Many adventurers, who, allured by the high price of cotton, have embarked in its cultivation, will, upon such a failure of the cotton crop as we have suffered this year, be disgusted and disappointed, and will, after the speedy sale of their cotton in the fall and winter, disappear before the Tax Collector, can, by law, as it now stands, demand the tax. A heavy loss has already been sustained by the State from a clerical error in the Revenue Law which rendered the collection of the tax intended to be imposed on persons traveling on Railroads, impossible.—Instead of one-half cent per mile, as was intended, the enrolled bill reads "one-half per cent per mile." The Railroads have refused to make any composition or arrangement concerning this tax.

Under the advice of the Attorney General, that by the ruling of the High Court it is not allowable to go behind the enrolled bill to ascertain the intention of the Legislature, I made no effort to enforce, through the Courts, my demands.

COTTON MONEY.

Under "An act to be entitled an act authorizing the issuance of Treasury Notes as advances upon cotton," passed December 19, 1861, the Auditor issued Treasury Notes to the amount of $5,000,002 upon the bonds of Planters, with personal security in addition to their bonds, on cotton pledged to be kept at the risk of the Planter, and to be delivered at some specified city or seaport in the Confederate States. These Treasury Notes have written across their faces the words: "Receivable in payment of all dues to the State and counties, except the Military Tax." The Planters' Bonds were to be paid in gold and silver, and in Treasury Notes when required by the Governor, by proclamation, so to do. In pursuance of the sixth section of the act I issued my proclamation on the 6th of January last, requiring all persons "to whom advances may have been made to deliver the number of bales of cotton upon which they have received an advance," in accordance with their respective receipts, within (90) ninety days from the date of said proclamation. No cotton, up to this time, has been received, but the Treasurer's Report shows that the sum of $2,515,922 03 in these Treasury Notes has been paid in, and corresponding Planters' Bonds canceled. The sum of $34,912 32 is otherwise accounted for. There is yet left in the hands of the Treasurer, *not* canceled, Planters' Bonds to the amount of $2,451,167 65, and there is yet outstanding a corresponding amount in Treasury Notes unredeemed. On the 25th of September I issued another proclamation requiring all persons who had not paid their bonds to pay in gold and silver, or in Treasury Notes, as required on the face of the bond, and have placed one bond in the hands of the District Attorney of the 4th Judicial District, upon which to bring suit at the December Term of the Circuit Court for Hinds county,

in order [illegible] concerning the validity of these bonds. I deemed this course advisable, as many grave constitutional questions are involved; and a failure to obtain judgment for the State on over 3,000 suits if I proceeded in all at the same time; would involve the State in costs to the amount of $50,000 to $75,000; besides that, it would inflict an unnecessary and burdensome tax on the bondsmen and their securities. As the decision of the principle involved in one suit would be the same as that involved in all the rest, but one suit was brought, and, as before stated, to test the validity of the issue of the Treasury Notes.

A grave question demanding your consideration and attention has arisen in connection with these Treasury Notes. A tender of them was made in payment of taxes to the Tax Collector of Hinds county by a tax-payer. The Tax Collector refused to receive them. A mandamus was then sued out of the Circuit Court to compel him to do so. The Tax Collector demurred to it, but was overruled by the Court, and the case will probably be appealed to the High Court of Errors and Appeals for decision. If that Court decides that these Treasury Notes *must* be received in payment of taxes, no other kind of money will be received into the Treasury and it will become bankrupt, unless the Planters' Bonds held by the Treasurer are decided to be valid against them.

COUNTY COURTS.

I deem it my duty to call your attention to the fact that numerous and varied complaints have been made against the County Courts established by your honorable body at its last session. It is proper to state that while many objections have been made against the details of the Courts, but few deny the necessity that exists for the establishment of a Court inferior in jurisdiction and authority to the Circuit Court, whose meetings shall be frequent, its forms simple, its proceedings summary and judgments prompt The experience which the members of your honorable body have had concerning the workings of the County Courts, will, I am confident, furnish the best guides for your action concerning them. My experience and knowledge concerning the practical workings of the County Court system do not justify me in submitting any recommendations for your consideration, further than to express the belief that the details may be so modified as to remove many objections, while your experience will suggest whether it be wisest to attempt a modification of the present system and thus to meet the wants and necessities of the people, or to adopt in its place some other cheap and efficient system.

A STATE MAP.

I deem the publication, and distribution of a State Map to the various State and County offices whose business requires the possession of one, a matter of sufficient importance to call your attention to it It should contain a correct delineation of everything of importance and information that it can embody and be a reference not only to our officials but to all persons interested in the affairs of the State, whose correctness should settle all doubts upon any points or subjects it embodied. I do not believe it can be published without some pecuniary aid from the State, which expenditure would be more than repaid the State by the benefit its publication would occasion it. Nearly all the old maps were destroyed during the late war. They were published nearly thirty years ago. Since then changes have been made and improvements have taken place of such a character as render a new map, if not an *indispensable* necessity, at least one which we stand in very great need.

SUPERINTENDENT OF ARMY RECORDS.

Under an act passed by the Legislature at its last session, the Superintendent of Army Records was directed to ascertain the number of maimed State and Confederate soldiers in this State requiring artificial legs. The report of Col. J. L. Power is herewith submitted, to which I invite your early attention. Thirty-six counties have been heard from, showing an aggregate of 188, making it safe to estimate that there is at least 300 in the State, for whom it is the clear duty of the State thus to provide.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

The report of the Adjutant General and the submission of his accounts and vouchers as Quarter Master General of the State, is herewith submitted. His recommendations deserve your consideration, and I desire to call your attention to the unconstitutionality of the section of Military law passed at your last session, relating to "tenure of office and elections," which was a clerical mistake discovered too late to be remedied at that time.

DEFAULTERS.

In obedience to a resolution, passed at your last session, suits have been brought against all the defaulters to the State Treasury except M. D. Haynes, late Treasurer. In consequence of the loss of many of the papers showing his indebtedness, suit has not been commenced against his sureties. An able and elaborate report was made upon the condition of the Treasury by Col. Labauve and Wm. H. Brown, Commissioners, exhibiting large balances against that Treasurer—bnt the Legislature in March 1865 authorized the Governor to appoint one Commissioner to re-examine his papers. Governor Clark appointed Mr. Jas. E. Matthews, Commissioner, who was prevented by the surrender of the Confederate forces to the Federal army from entering upon the duties assigned him. I recommend the appointment of one commissioner, with adequate compensation, to make a re-examination, and report, so as to enable the State to institute suit.

THE CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE AND MEASURES OF RELIEF.

Many other questions affecting the welfare of the State will come before you, and will doubtless receive your profound attention and consideration. For the restoration of our national prosperity and happiness we must look to agricultural and manufacturing pursuits of industry. The capital and labor for the development of these latent sources of wealth, within the limits of this State, are insufficient, and the supply must come from abroad. Capital should be invited, and emigration of free white labor should be encouraged. Both must be assured of full protection and security, and the white laborers must be assured of social and political equality with the white race *alone*, or they will pass us by and seek for homes in other communities, where the preponderance of negro population will not affect or retard them or their posterity in their progress to wealth, happiness and civilization.

From every portion of our State appeals have been received for immediate relief from the burdens that oppress all classes of our citizens. The desolation and ruin of our fortunes—the heavy indebtedness, both foreign and domestic, of our people—the scarcity of the necessaries of life—the want of means to procure them—and the uncertainty of our future treatment by the Federal Government—has sunk the public mind in gloom and despondency, and renders the task of meeting the necessities and demands of the people a difficult one indeed. Painful apprehensions exist that the Federal tax on the only production of our labor, and the suits now on the appearance and issue dockets of our courts, will turn thousands from their homes in want and destitution. From Federal taxation, there is no relief. Hate and malignity only laugh at our calamity, and revenge mocks when our fear cometh. The Constitution rendered inoperative the "Stay Law" passed at your last session. It declares that the courts of the country "shall always be open," and "right and justice administered without sale, denial or delay." What, then, is "right and justice?" When a vessel at sea is overtaken by a storm, and it becomes necessary to throw overboard a portion of the cargo to enable her to ride the waves and reach the shore, sound morality and equity declares it is "right and justice" that the loss should be averaged and shared alike by all the owners of the cargo. The people of Mississippi launched their little bark upon the broad sea of Independence. The storm of war engulphed on the beach of desolation and dependence. Our fair fields have been laid waste, our cities sacked and destroyed; the slaveholder has lost his slaves; the farmer his farm stock; the merchant his goods; our libraries enlighten the bench and the pulpits of the wreckers; our jewelry, silver spoons, and even the toys and trinkets of our children ornament the mantles, adorn the tables, and enliven the parlors of the spoilers. The creditor alone has saved his "notes and accounts" from spoliation and destruction. Morality and equity claim an average and distribution of what is saved from the wreck. But who is authorized to strike the average? When, how and where did he receive the authority? And by what rule would the division be made? Is "right and justice" for the creditor alone? Is "right and justice" for the debtor alone? It was fondly hoped and believed that the creditor would be a "stay law" unto himself in this the hour of his country's calamity, and that he would keep aloof from the dockets of the courts until the debtor could "catch breath" and have time to "put his house in order." While many creditors have shown magnanimous forbearance, many debtors have exhibited an unworthy disposition to avoid a fair settlement Yet many, too many creditors have shown a heartless desire to extort "the pound of flesh" from honest, needy, and fair dealing debtors. And yet again, many creditors seek *not* to destroy but to protect and relieve their friends, and though they may push them to the Sheriff's block and to insolvency, you will find these same "*injured debtors*" clothed in purple and fine linen, and faring sumptuously every day at the bountiful tables of rich, happy and loving wives or trusted friends. Instead of forbearance and compromise, a wild rush of "who shall be first and the devil take the hindmost," is made into the courts. Brave soldiers who perilled life and lost all, are pursued by some slimy skulker from honor and duty who has saved his "notes and accounts" by hiding them with himself in a deserter's cave. Another brave soldier's widow is pursued by one whose heart, against shame and dishonor is "bomb proofed," by his frauds and speculations upon the wants and miseries of the war for which he voted, but from whose fury his prudent action "in snuffing the battle from afar off" has saved his carcass. Yet there is another class of creditors--a brave soldier who has lost all but his "notes and accounts," pursues one whose back has grown gray with the moss of dishonor, and who pleads his vote against secession as his badge of wisdom and patriotism, and his absolution from all obligations to share the losses the war occasioned. Another brave soldier's widow pursues an athletic "exempt whose eyes stick out with fatness," and who complains of the cruel, *cruel* hardships of the war. The aged and the decrepid, the widows and the orphans who have spent and lost all in the support of the "lost cause." pursue the skulker and the exempt who swear that the Yankees, Jayhawkers, or Secessionists have robbed them of their last dollar. Who is the worthy creditor and who is the unworthy creditor? Who can devise the rule of right and justice that will guide to the fair and equable average and disposition of the "notes and accounts" saved from the common wreck? And who is authorized to do it? Is the Executive? Is the Legislature? What *authority* has either to do *any* act? They are both the creatures of the *Constitution*. They live, move and have their being *in* the Constitution. Without the Constitution they would have no legal existence. What the Constitution *authorizes* them to do they may do and what the Constitution forbids them to do, they have no more authority to do than any man or set of men who usurp power and abuse privileges. The people of Mississippi claim the possession of certain rights, too sacred to be entrusted to any Government and in their Constitution established for the guidance of their servants have excepted certain powers out of the general powers of Government. One of these powers is that the Courts shall always be open—another is that no law shall be passed impairing the obligations of contracts. The Judge that would close the doors of a constitutional court, in obedience to the order of the Executive and Legislature, in violation of the Constitution would be unworthy his ermine and a fit tool of despotism. As the Executive, I claim no authority to decide who is the worthy and who is the unworthy creditor—and I do not know how to average and divide the losses all have sustained. I feel no ordinary personal interest in the postponement of the day of payment. My sympathies have ever been enlisted in behalf of the helpless and the needy. My heart's love is entwined around the brave Confederate soldier by chords that cannot be severed; and I would divide with him the last crumb that *belonged to myself*—but I must confess my want of wisdom to devise the scheme that will absolve him or relieve his property from the obligations of his contract *with others, without their consent*, so long as there is virtue, power and majesty in the Constitution under which he lives. Any scheme, however, that may be devised for the permanent or temporary relief of the people from the pressing embarrassments of our great disasters, that is clearly within the restrictions of my obligation to the Constitution, will receive my cordial co-operation.

My faith is not in "stay laws." Temporary relief from debt often tends only to additional embarrassments. Patient industry, strict economy and "long suffering" are now our destiny and our duty, and the only means of restoring our lost fortunes and re-establishing our prosperity and happiness.

May Almighty God whose chastening hand manifests his love, inspire us all with wisdom, and guide us through the black night that shrouds our distracted country in gloom, despondency and uncertainty.

BENJ. G. HUMPHREYS

Executive Office
Jackson Nov 9th

To the Sheriff of Sunflower County - Greeting -

It appears that Thomas Hatton and Horace L. Smith were indicted at the [illegible] of the Circuit Court of Sunflower the former for murdering, the latter for delivering [illegible] and whereas numerous citizens of Sunflower and Carroll Counties have petitioned me for Executive clemency.

Now, therefore, I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the constitution and laws of said state do grant this my full pardon to Thomas Hatton and Horace L. Smith and do command you upon receipt of these presents to discharge said prisoners from custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at Jackson, this 9th day of Nov 1866

By the Governor
A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Sunflower County
Pardon
Thomas Hatton &
Horace L. Smith

Executive Office
Jackson Nov. 13th 1866

To the Sheriff of Attala County - Greeting

It appears that Samuel Hinton a citizen of Attala County was (at the September Term of the Circuit Court of said County Judge J. A. P. Campbell presiding, 1866) convicted of [illegible] and sentenced to twelve months imprisonment in the county jail of said County and State. Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said state do grant unto the said Samuel Hinton a full pardon and do command you upon receipt of these presents to release him from confinement.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi at Jackson this the 13th day of November 1866

By the Governor
A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

Attala County
Pardon of Samuel Hinton
Samuel Hinton

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Chickasaw County - Greeting

Whereas at the October Term 1866 of the circuit Court of Chickasaw County, Jack the Barber, a free man of color, plead guilty to the offence of Retailing, and was fined by the Court the sum of Twenty five ($25,) Dollars.

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the said Jack the Barber a Remission of said fine and do command you upon receipt of these Presents, to refrain from all further steps to collect the same.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi, office, this 21st day of November

(L. S.)

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
(Signed) A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Chickasaw County
Remission of $25 - Fine
Jack the Barber

Mitchell, freedman
Sentence of death commuted to
Imprisonment for life

Executive Office
Jackson

To the Sheriff of Holmes County; Greeting;

Whereas at the November Term [illegible] of the Circuit Court of said County, Mitchell, a freedman, was convicted of [illegible] the crime of murder committed upon Sam Robinson, a freedman, and by the court sentenced to be hanged on the 27th day of December 1866,

Now, therefore, I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do pardon said Mitchell, freedman, on condition of his being confined in the Penitentiary at hard labor, during the term of his natural life, and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to deliver him to the Superintendant of the Penitentiary or his order,

(L.S.)

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed This 24th day of November 1866

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
(Signed) C. A. Bampfer
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

Col. Geo. L. Donald
Supdt. Penitentiary
Jackson Miss.

Sir

I have this day pardoned Mitchell, a freedman, convicted at the November Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Holmes County, of the crime of murder and sentenced to be hanged on the 27th day of December 1866, on condition that he be confined in the State Penitentiary for the term of his natural life,

You will therefore take the usual steps to have him conveyed to the State Penitentiary and keep him confined therein at hard labor for the term of his natural life.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi. This 24th day of November 1866.

(L S)

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
(Signed) C. A. Bampfer
Secretary of State,

Charles E. Wright
Remission of Fine ($100.00)

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Issaquena County; Greeting;

Whereas, at the November Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Issaquena County, a Judgement was rendered against Charles E. Wright on a scire fa as a defaulting Grand Juror, for the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do remit said fine of one hundred dollars against said Charles E. Wright and do authorize you on receipt of these presents, to refrain from further steps for the collection of the same, on payment of all costs.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed This [illegible] November 1866.

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

L. S.
By the Governor
C. A. Bampfer
Secretary of State.

Proclamation!

Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi:

To the Sheriff of Tippah County: Greeting:

Whereas by the resignation of W. H. Holcomb Representative in the Legislature of the State of Mississippi from said County, a vacancy has occurred in said Office: And whereas the laws of this State, in such cases require that such vacancy shall be filled by the people.

Now therefore I, Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do issue this, my Writ, requiring you to hold an election at the usual places of election in your County on Monday, the Seventh day of January next for a Representative in the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, to fill the unexpired term of the said W. H. Holcomb: And I do enjoin upon you to hold and conduct said election in all respects according to law, and make due return thereof to this Office of the Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed at Executive Office in the City of Jackson this 28th day of November 1866.

(L. S.)

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
(Signed) C. A. Bringhurst
Secretary of State

To the Sheriff of Tippah County.
Notice is hereby given that a vacancy has occurred in the Representation in the Legislature from said County.
Election will be held to fill said vacancy on the first Monday in January 1867.
Wm. H. Holcomb resigned.
Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Miss.

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Supt of the
Miss. Penitentiary

Greeting

Whereas Lucy Griffin is now confined in the Penitentiary, under sentence from the Circuit Court of Noxubee County, for the crime of Grand Larceny for the term of Twelve months, and this term of Confinement is about to expire.

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do grant unto said Lucy Griffin a full pardon for said Offence and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to release her from confinement.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed. This 1st day of December A.D. 1866.

(L. S.)

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Bringhurst
Secy of State

Warrant Pardon
Lucy Griffin
Grand Larceny
Noxubee County
Sentence expired

To the Sheriff of Hinds County or to the Sheriff of any other County — Greeting:

Whereas on the 13th day of December 1866. I issued a writ for the arrest of Lewis Leyens upon a requisition issued by the Governor of the State of Missouri for the Crime of Embezzlement and being satisfied that the same has been improvidently issued and should be recalled.
Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi do hereby Command you to refrain altogether from the execution of said writ, and if already arrested, that you release and discharge him. and that you forthwith return to this office the writ aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed This 15th day of December the year 1866.

L.S.

(Signed) Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C.A. Brougher
Sec of State

Proclamation!

Benj. G. Humphreys. Governor of Mississippi:
To The Sheriffs of Smith County — Greeting:
Whereas by the resignation of Robert Lowry Senator from the Senatorial District composed of the Counties of Rankin & Smith, a vacancy has occurred in said office: And whereas the laws of this State in such cases require that such vacancy shall be filled by the people.
Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do issue this, my writ requiring you to hold an election at the usual precincts in your County, on Monday the 14th day of January next for a Senator from said Senatorial District to fill out the unexpired term of the said Robert Lowry: and I do require you to hold and conduct said elections in all respects according to law, and make due returns thereof to the office of the Secretary of State.

For testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed at Executive Office in the City of Jackson this 20th day of Dec. 1866.

(L.S.)

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C.A. Brougher
Sec of State

FBB. Writ similar to this sent at same time to Sheriff of Rankin County, and also sent at same time to the Sheriff of Adams County to hold an election to fill vacancy in the office of Senator from said County occasioned by the resignation of Jos. D. Ellis

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To George M. Beaman and
To the Sheriff of Hinds County or
to the Sheriff of any other County, Greeting:

Whereas on the 20th day of December 1866 I issued a Writ for the arrest of J. P. Lankford upon a Requisition issued by the Governor of the State of Louisiana for the crime of obtaining goods under false pretences in the State of Louisiana: and being satisfied that the same was improvidently issued and should be revoked.

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi do hereby command you to refrain altogether from the execution of the said Writ, and if already arrested, that you release and discharge him the said J. P. Lankford from custody: And that you forthwith return to this office the Writ aforesaid.

(L.S.) Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 21st day of December A.D. 1866.

By the Governor
C. H. Brough
Sec of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

The State of Mississippi:

To all who shall see these Presents! Greeting:

Whereas by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, Approved October 30th 1866, the Governor of said State is authorized to appoint an Agent to secure a re-grant of Lands from the Congress of the United States of America to the Gulf and Ship Island Rail Road.

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi have appointed, and by these presents do appoint Charles C. Shackleford the agent of the State of Mississippi to carry out the provisions of said Act.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed at Executive Office in the City of Jackson This 22nd day of December 1866.

(L.S.)

By the Governor
C. H. Brough
Sec of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

The State of Mississippi:

To all who shall see these presents: Greeting:

Whereas an "Universal Exhibition" is to be held at Paris in the year Eighteen hundred and Sixty-seven, at which the of Mississippi should be represented by Commissioners appointed for that purpose,

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do appoint William Gwin Jr. a commissioner from said State, and do authorize and empower him to perform the duties of that office, according to the rules and regulations provided for the management of said Exhibition.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed, this 22nd day of December 1866.

(L.S.)

Benj G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Sec of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Sunflower County. Greeting.

Whereas at the June Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Sunflower County Mississippi, Washington J. Smith was indicted for the offence of carrying and delivering the acceptance of a challenge to fight a duel

Now therefore I Benj G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of said State, do grant a full pardon to said Washington J. Smith for said offence and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to release him from custody

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi this 22nd December A. D. 1866.

(L. S.)

Benj G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Sec of State

State of Mississippi
Executive Department

B. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi

To all to whom these Presents shall come — Greeting:

Know ye, That we have authorized and empowered, and by these presents do authorize and empower to take and receive from the proper authorities of the State of Louisiana Johnson Williams (Col) a fugitive from justice, and convey him to the State of Mississippi there to be dealt with according to law (This State will not hold itself responsible for the expenses attending the execution of this requisition)

(Seal)

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto signed my name and caused the great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed at the City of Jackson this 28th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six

By the Governor. Benj. G. Humphreys

C. A. Broughter
Sec of State.

The State of Mississippi.

To all who shall see these Presents. Greeting:

Whereas an "Universal Exhibition" is to be held at Paris, France, in the year Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Seven, at which the State of Mississippi should be represented by commissioners appointed for that purpose

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi do appoint William McBride a commissioner from said State and authorize and empower him to fulfil the duties of that Office: according to the rules and regulations provided for the management of said Exhibition.

(L. S.)

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 3rd day of January 1867.

By the Governor Benj. G. Humphreys

C. A. Broughter
Sec of State

State of Mississippi
Executive Department
Jackson Miss. Jany 7th 1867

William Yerger Jr is hereby appointed Private Secretary to the Governor, to take effect from date Jany 7th 1867

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Mississippi

The State of Mississippi
To all who shall see these Presents. Greeting

Whereas an "Universal Exhibition" is to be held at Paris, France, in the Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Seven, at which the State of Mississippi is represented by Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Miss. do appoint Col Isaac Saffarens a commissioner from said State, and authorize and empower him to fulfil the duties of that office according to the rules and regulations provided for the management of said Exhibition

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 24th day of January 1867.

L. S.

By the Governor
C. A. Broughers
Sec of State

Benj G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

Whereas W. S. Yerger was some time in the year 1866 engaged in fighting a duel with H. G. Fitzgerald contrary to the Statutes made and provided Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said state, do grant unto the said W. S. Yerger a full pardon for said offence for fighting a duel and authorize the officers of the State to abstain from all proceedings against said W. S. Yerger on account of fighting the duel aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed, this 28th day of January 1867

By the Governor
C. A. Broughr
Secretary of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Jany 11. 1867

To
The Sheriff of Yazoo County
Greeting

Whereas at the Regular November Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Yazoo County and State of Mississippi Frank Lott (freedman) was convicted of the Crime of murder and by the Court sentenced to be hung—

Now therefore I, Benj G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for good and sufficient reasons do hereby commute the sentence passed by said Court upon said Frank Lott (freedman) from sentence of death by hanging to imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for life. And do authorize you on receipt of this to refrain from executing the sentence of said Court against the said Frank Lott (freedman) until his removal to the Penitentiary where he will undergo the punishment

(L. S.) Given under my hand and the Great seal of State of Mississippi affixed at the City of Jackson this the 11th day of January A.D. 1869

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Bringhurst
Secty of State,

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Jany 17. 1869

To all who shall see these presents Greeting

Whereas an "Universal Exhibition" is to be held at Paris France in the year Eighteen hundred and sixty seven, at which the State of Mississippi should be represented by Commissioners for that purpose

Now, therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi do appoint William Hemingway of Attala County, a Commissioner from said State, and authorize and empower him to perform the duties of said office according to the rules and regulations prescribed for the management of said Exhibition

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 17th day of January A.D. 1869

Benj. G. Humphreys

L. S.
By the Governor
C. A. Bringhurst
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Jany 15th 1869

To all who shall see these presents
Greeting

Whereas the resignation of A. H. Clapp a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Mississippi has been received and accepted in said office.

Now, therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the Act to amend an act entitled An act to amend the law in relation to the State University approved December 9. 1863 do appoint C. C. Nattall a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Mississippi

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this the 15th day of January A.D. 1869

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Bringhurst
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Jany. 18th 1867

To
The Sheriff of Warren County Greeting

Whereas it appears that S. M. Patridge indicted at the June Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of the County of Warren was convicted and fined by said Court for gambling

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the said S. M. Patridge a Remission of said fine and do authorize you on receipt of these Presents to refrain from all further steps to collect the same after the costs of the Court are paid.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi. This 18th day of January A.D. 1867

Benj. G. Humphreys

L. S.

By the Governor
C. A. Burghers
Secty of State

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Jackson, Miss., Jan. 24, 1866.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

GENTLEMEN :—

Since your adjournment, in November, but little has occurred in National or State affairs to which I deem it important to call your attention, not already alluded to in my regular message, transmitted at the beginning of your session.

The report by the Commissioners, appointed under a resolution of the Legislature, to visit Washington City, and endeavor to effect the release of the Hon. Jefferson Davis, is herewith transmitted. They failed in obtaining the object of their mission, and Mr. Davis is still confined in Fortress Monroe, awaiting his trial. I recommend, as an act of justice, duty and affection, that an adequate sum be appropriated by Mississippi to defray the expenses necessary to procure to our grand vicarious sufferer a fair constitutional trial.

On the 24th of November, 1866, I addressed a letter to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, at Washington City, informing him of the acceptance, by the Legislature of Mississippi, of the terms of the grant of land by Congress for the establishment of an Agricultural and Mechanical College, and requested to be informed if any further legislation was needed to secure the scrip. I have received no reply to this communication. I understand, however, that the Federal Government has suspended further issuance of the scrip to any of the Southern States.

The Penitentiary has been leased, under an act of the Legislature, to Messrs. J. W. Young & Co., for a term of fourteen years. They have executed a penal bond in the sum of $100,000, for the faithful performance of the stipulations of the contract, a copy of which is herewith transmitted.

By one of the stipulations of the contract, the State is bound to deliver the convicts at the Penitentiary. Some legislation is now needed to enable the Superintendent to comply with this stipulation, as the law defraying the expenses of their transportation was repealed at your last session.

On the 8th of November I addressed a circular letter to the various Railroad Companies of the State informing them of my authority to make arrangements and composition for the collection of the tax levied by the Legislature upon travel over their roads, and requesting answers. The Southern Railroad has agreed to an arrangement and is now collecting the tax. The Central Railroad Company declines to make any arrangements; while the other Railroad Companies only inform me that they will do what the rest will do—all these companies object to the tax as unconstitutional. The right and justice of all taxation is based upon the duty of protection. The travelers upon our Railroads readily seek through the Courts of Mississippi and certainly secure redress—and often very severe redress—for all damages sustained by them in person and property from Railroads. Is it unjust or unreasonable that they be required to pay one-half cent per mile upon all travel, to enable Mississippi to extend to them this protection? If citizens of other States can claim exemption from this tax (which is denied) it certainly does not lie in the mouths of the citizens of Mississippi or the Railroad corporations, who live, move and have their being by through and under the authority of Mississippi, to complain.

Some compulsory process must be resorted to, or the tax will be lost, and as the laws now in force for the collection of the revenue may be inadequate, I recommend the passage of a law that will assure the collection of the tax and compensate the collector.

I herewith transmit the communication of Captain J. W. Scully, A. Q. M., U. S. A., with the endorsement of Col. A. C. Gillem, Commanding District of Mississippi, forwarding a certified copy of a deed from Aloy M. Jaynes and Cynthia Jaynes, citizens of Ohio, conveying a certain tract of land, containing forty acres, near the city of Vicksburg, to the United States Government, to be used as a cemetery for the burial of Union soldiers. I recommend that the jurisdiction of the property described in the deed be ceded to the United States.

BENJ. G. HUMPHREYS,

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Jany 28th 1867

Mr. Speaker

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives, that he has this day signed and approved House Bills entitled.

No 1 An Act. To authorize the Recording of Lands in this and the other
" 2 An Act. For the relief of Mary R. Davis widow of Thomas W. Davis deceased of Madison County.
" 3 An Act. To change the name of the Southern Rail Road Company
" 4 An Act. Amendatory of an Act granting a charter to the Town of Water Valley in Yalobusha County and for other purposes

N. Langer Jr.
Private Secretary

Executive Office
Jackson Jany 28. 1867

To
The Senate

I herewith lay [illegible] of A. B. Chinemat[illegible] for the remission of forfeiture [illegible] State vs. R. J. Fox Sunflower County, and [illegible] consent to the same. Also, the application of [illegible] case of State vs. Brister Lauderdale [illegible]
Also the application of Nelson [illegible] case of State vs Wm Kile Warren County.

[illegible] Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss, [illegible]

To the Sheriff of Tallahatchie County [illegible]

Whereas at the September Term 1866, of the Circuit Court of Tallahatchie County Lewis McLane was convicted of retailing [illegible] and fined by the sum of twenty five [illegible] Humphreys. Governor of the State of Mississippi [illegible] ity vested in me by the Constitution [illegible] to grant unto the said Lewis McLane a [illegible] of twenty five dollars, and do authorize [illegible] ft of these Presents to refrain from any further [illegible] Name

L. S. [illegible] and the Great Seal of Mississippi affixed

By the Governor [illegible] Jany A.D. 1867
E. A. Brougher [illegible] Humphreys
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. January

To
The Sheriff of Issaquena County. Greeting:

Whereas at the November 1866 of the Circuit Court of Issaquena County. S. A. McCormick was indicted and convicted of selling liquor contrary to law, and fined by the Court in the sum of fifty Dollars in the following cases viz: No. 180. State of Mississippi vs. S. A. McCormick. No. 181. State of Mississippi vs. S. A. McCormick No. 182 State of Mississippi vs. S. A. McCormick No. 183. State of Mississippi vs. S. A. McCormick, and whereas it appearing that said McCormick has paid the costs in all of these cases and paid the fine in case No. 180.

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, and the facts in the case, do hereby grant unto the said S. A. McCormick a Remission of the fine in cases No. 181. 182. 183. and do authorize you on the receipt of these Presents to refrain from any further collection of the same.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed This 29th day of January A.D. 1867

Benj. G. Humphreys

L. S.

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 1, 1867

To
The Sheriff of Attala County, Greeting:

Whereas it appears that William Hemingway of the County of Attala stands charged with the crime and offence of shooting Ephraim S. Dentie in the County of Attala, in the month of April in the year 1866, and for this crime stands indicted in the Circuit Court for the County of Attala

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State and in view of the facts, do hereby grant unto said William Hemingway a full pardon for the offence of shooting said Dentie as aforesaid and, do authorize you to refrain from all further action against said William Hemingway on account of the aforesaid shooting of said Ephraim S. Dentie

Given under my hand and the Great seal of the State of Mississippi affixed This the 1st day of February A.D. 1867

Benj. G. Humphreys

L. S.

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. February 1.

To
The Senate & House of Representatives

Since my message of January 24, 1867. I have received the accompanying memorial of the various Rail Road Companies of the State, declining to make compensation and arrangements for the collection of the one half cent per mile tax levied on passengers travelling on the State on said Rail Roads. And asking for a repeal of said tax - which memorial, I herewith transmit for your information and action

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. February 1. 1867

To
The Senate

I herewith transmit the memorial of Board of Trustees of the Lunatic Asylum for your consideration and action

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 1. 1867

To
The House of Representatives

I herewith return a Bill Entitled "An Act to amend the Statute in regard to Interest" with my disapproval.

On the 29th Nov. 1865. I returned with my disapproval a bill Entitled "An Act to regulate the practice in certain cases in the Courts of Law and Equity in this State" the 5th Section of which contained the same objectionable feature. My opinion is unchanged as to the principle that interest is a necessary incident to the principal debt and enters into the contract of indebtedness ~~[illegible]~~ and to curtail the interest by a law passed subsequent to the contract impairs the obligation of the contract which is forbidden by the Constitution

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 1. 1867

To
The House of Representatives

I herewith return to you a Bill entitled "An Act for the relief of Thos H. and F. B. White Executors of Thos White deceased, with my disapproval.

The faith of the State is not pledged for the redemption of cotton notes, and the debt sought to be released by this act is not due to the State, but to the holder of these notes, the State being merely a Trustee for the benefit of the holder. Under such circumstances the Legislature ought not as a matter to release the debtor from his obligation until the fact of his having paid it is judicially established. The State is not directly interested in the redemption of the cotton

and only assumed to act as Trustee for their orphans
cannot by an act of her Legislature release herself from the
assumed without a flagrant violation of good faith on her part.
Nor can she decide by Legislative enactment
money paid through her defaulting officer to her as Trustee was paid
But must submit the question to the decision of the proper
tribunals whether or not she is absolved from her obligations as
Trustee.

If this was a debt due to the State directly it would be
competent for the Legislature to release a debtor, who in good faith
attempted to pay his debt and was prevented by a defaulting officer
of the State, from so doing. This would be but an act of justice to one
of her citizens. But in this case as the State is acting as a Trustee for
others, the Legislature ought not to release a debtor from any legal
obligation he is under to make payment of his debt. If so released
the State would be bound as a faithful Trustee to assume the obligation
and make payment of it to the parties interested.
In the present case, it seems that the money was never paid into
the Treasury but was left as a personal trust with the deceas-
-ed Treasurer. The debtor leaving it with him, trusted him and
not the State, and there is not any propriety in the State now
assuming an obligation, which does not legally or morally devolve
upon her. For these reasons I cannot approve this bill, and
return it with the reasons for my action

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. February 1. 1865

Mr. Speaker

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor
to inform the House of Representatives, that he has approved and
signed, the following House Bills and Resolutions.

5 An Act to remove the civil disabilities of Chas B. Deare
a minor of Jasper County, and Charles F. Merriwether a minor
of De Soto County Mississippi
6 An Act to Incorporate the Independence Fire Company No 1. of Vicksburg
7 An Act to Incorporate Davis Mills Cotton manufacturing Company.
8 An Act, granting for a limited period to the Trustees of the Canton Female
Academy the proceeds of licenses to retail vinous and spirituous
liquors in the City of Canton.
9 An Act to authorize Abram A. Green, to cut or excavate a
channel or canal through the shoal or shell-reef which now
obstructs the navigation of the Pascagoula River
10 An Act to protect Crops in Warren County.
11 An Act to authorize the removal and location of the seat of
Justice of Grimpsin County.
12 An Act to require Express Companies to publish their rates
of Charges and for other purposes.
13 An Act to remove the civil disabilities of Wm Edwin Emanuel
a minor of Warren County Mississippi.
14 An Act to remove the civil disabilities of certain minors
named,
15 An Act to Incorporate the Canton Manufacturing Company
Joint Resolution on proposed Constitutional Amendment
Joint Resolution to appoint Commissioners to [illegible]
Joint Resolution in relation to [illegible]

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 2. 1863

To the Senate

I herewith transmit the opinion of Orlando Davis et. al. in the case of State vs. Dillard and the application of L. H. Scally et. al. in the case of State vs. William Bynum, asking remission of fines in the above cases, and ask your advice and concurrence thereon

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 2. 1863

Mr Speaker

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives, that he has approved and signed the following House Bills.

16 An Act to amend Chapter 64. Section 61. Article 298. of the Revised Code and for other purposes.
17 An Act to change the time of holding the Probate Courts of Scott & Kemper Counties
18 An Act Repealing an act reducing the salary of the Probate Judge of Yalobusha County.
19 An Act to change the Terms of the Police of Wayne County.
20 An Act for the relief of Berry Sanders late of Clarke County.
21 An Act to authorize Daniel Boshin of Panola County to execute deed to certain land
22 An Act to legalize the assessments of County taxes in the County of Chickasaw
23 An Act to regulate the terms of the County Court of Lake County and for other purposes.
24 An Act to amend an act entitled an act to Establish County Courts approved Nov. 24. 1865. supplemental to an Act entitled an act approved Oct. 30. 1866. so far as the same applies to the County of Green

W. Langsford
Prest. Secty.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 4. 1863

Mr. President

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the Senate that he has approved and signed the following Senate Bills.

1 An Act for the relief of William S. Roby of Noxubee County
2 An Act to change the names of Horace A. Tarry and Joseph A. Tarry
3 An Act for the relief of the Central Male Academy
4 An Act Supplementary to an act to establish the Mahala Agricultural District
5 An Act to amend the several acts in aid of supplying the loss of public

W. Langsford
Prest. Secty

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 8

Mr President

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the Senate, that he has signed and approved the following Bills—

6 An Act To incorporate the Orphans Home at Lauderdale Springs—

7 An Act To amend an Act entitled an act to prescribe the manner in which the County Police of Marion County shall dispose of the three per cent fund belonging to said County and for other purposes approved Feby 15, 1858.

8 An Act to remove the civil disabilities of Josephine Nicholson a married woman of Kemper County—

9 An Act For the relief of the Commissioners of the poor

10 An Act In relation to Sheriffs sales in Monroe County—

W. Yerger Jr.
Privt Secty—

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 8. 1867

Mr Speaker

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has signed and approved the following House Bills and Resolutions—

25 An Act To remove the civil disabilities of certain persons therein named.

26 An Act To incorporate Jonesborough Lodge No 250 Free & accepted Masons

27 An Act To revive an Act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Biloxi in the County of Harrison approved Dec. 2, 1859 & for other purposes

28 An Act To authorize Philip H. Napier of Wayne County to adopt Elizabeth Ann Stulsman as his own child and heir at law

29 An Act To amend an act entitled an act to prevent fraudulent transactions in Cotton in Certain Counties therein named & for other purposes

30 An Act To remove the civil disabilities of Helen Briggs of Marshall County—

31 An Act To remove the disabilities of minority from Hayden Dallas Pillman a minor of Copiah County—

32 An Act To remove the civil disabilities of Edgar W. Blanchard a minor in the County of Harrison

33 An Act Supplemental to an act entitled an act to regulate the working of public roads and bridges in Hancock County approved October 30. 1866

34 An Act To incorporate the Sylvarena Institute in Smith County

35 An Act To repeal an Act which repealed an act to authorize the assessment and collection of a tax on lands in Sunflower County for the purpose of making roads and bridges in said County approved

36 An Act In reference to George Alexander Crane

37 An Act relative to the assessment & collection of taxes in Adams County for County purposes

39 An Act To incorporate the Pelahatchie & Tannin Manufacturing Company—

41 An Act To incorporate the Sumnitt Hotel Company

41 An Act Supplemental to an act to incorporate the Town of Meridian in Lauderdale County

42 An Act To change the corporate limits of the Town of

Papers & for other purposes
Joint Resolution granting leave of absence to the Hon W. [illegible]
Probate Judge of Kemper County

W. Simpson
Print Clerk

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 5th 1867

To
The House of Representatives

I herewith return a bill entitled "An act to dispose of the unfinished business and undecided cases pending in the Special Court of Equity of the State of Mississippi at Jackson" with my ~~objections~~ disapproval.

On the 2nd of November 1865 I returned a bill entitled, "An act to provide for the transfer of the unfinished business of the Special Courts of Equity Established by Governor Sharkey" with my disapproval. The Legislature passed this bill by a Constitutional majority and it stands unrepealed on the statute books and is identical in purpose and effect with the bill now before me, so far as legislative enactments can authorize a transfer of cases from these Courts of Equity to the Courts of the State that authority now exists, but so little reliance is placed in the validity of the bill of 1865 - that no attempt to transfer any case under it, has been made. In my message returning the bill of 1865. I say "The continued existance of these Special Courts of Equity is thus recognised for the express purpose of disposing of the unfinished and institutled business of the same, this too, after the Courts known to the Constitution and laws are established; and, the Convention having failed to provide for the transfer of the business of these Courts to any other Court, its intention to leave the "unfinished and institutled business" with the Special Courts of Equity cannot be mistaken, and no power to make an order the transfer" My opinion is unchanged and I can see no difference between a bill that transfers all the cases in these Courts to the Courts of the State, and a bill that transfers One particular case and any other cases pending in said Special Courts of Equity" as is the case in the bill now returned

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby. 7. 1867

Mr. Speaker,

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives, that he has signed and approved the following House Bills and Resolutions

43 An Act to extend to the Citizens of Madison County the provisions of an Act to protect the citizens of Hinds County in those sections where the fencing and timber has been destroyed by the late war approved [illegible]

44 An Act to extend the boundaries of the Town of Shubuta and amend Charter thereof

45 An Act For the relief of John A. Reid of Calhoun County

46 An Act to make certain appropriations therein named

47 An Act For the relief of the Swamp land Commissioners of Choctaw County

48 An Act to incorporate Long Creek Lodge No. 89 of Free and accepted Masons

49 An Act to incorporate the De Soto Manufacturing Company

50 An Act For the relief of A. C. Cox of Lawrence Co.
51 An Act To Repeal An Act to change the time of holding
Court of Simpson County, approved Nov. 17th 1859—
52 An Act To incorporate the Harrison Marl Company
53 An Act To Amend An Act Entitled An Act to Amend the Revised
of the Revised Code. Entitled An Act in relation to the State Library
54 An Act To amend An Act Entitled An Act to Incorporate the Board
of Levee Commissioners of Bolivar Washington & Issaquena Counties
and for other purposes—
Joint Resolution Granting Leave of Absence to Hon Robert H. Hunt
Joint Resolution Granting Leave of Absence to C. A. Smith District
Attorney of the 8th Judicial District

W. Yerger Jr.
Priv. Secty

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 7th 1867

To the Senate

I herewith transmit the application of A. K. Smedes asking for remission of forfeiture in case of State vs George Lucas, Henry Banks & A. K. Smedes and request your advice and consent thereto

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 8th 1867

Mr. Speaker

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives, that he has signed and approved the following House Bills and Resolutions.

55 An Act To increase the salary of the Probate Judge of Coahoma County
56 An Act Supplemental to an Act Entitled an Act to incorporate the Chewalla and Tippah Bridge Company—
57 An Act To amend an Act to prevent frauds and perjuries Revised Code Chapter 44.
58 An Act Relating to sale of Spirituous liquors in the County of Washington
59 An Act To incorporate the Ripley Institute
60 An Act To incorporate the Mississippi & Alabama Turpentine Company
61 An Act To incorporate Oak Bowery Lodge No 198 in the County of Jasper & for other purposes
62 An Act To amend An Act Entitled An Act to Establish County Court so far as the same applies to the Counties of Carroll, Franklin Lauderdale and Scott
63 An Act To provide for the payment of per diem and mileage to the Commissioners to lease the Penitentiary
64 An Act To authorize D. P. Porter, administrator of the estate of Charles C. [illegible] late of Madison County to Execute a deed of Conveyance for the purposes therein named.
65 An Act For the relief of Julia Ann Forbes of Sunflower County—
66 An Act To incorporate the Summitt Perseverance Fire Company No 1
67 An Act To tax Guns & Pistol in the County of Washington
68 An Act To incorporate the Ravena Manufacturing Company
69 An Act To incorporate the Vicksburg Insurance and Trust Company
70 An Act For the relief of Martha B. Pittman of Coahoma County
71 An Act To amend the charter of the Town of Bonville
72 An Act To incorporate the Fire Department in the City of [illegible]
73 An Act For the relief of J. B. Pittman of Coahoma County
74 An Act For the relief of certain minors therein named

75 An Act to change time of holding the Circuit Courts of
Judicial District
76 An Act to revive the Incorporation of the Town of Lorena
the County of De Soto
77 An Act to revive into one the several Acts incorporating
of Okalona in Chickasaw County approved Feby 3. 1860 &c
78 An Act to authorize and empower George A. Cox to Establish &
Erect a causeway across the Marsh and build a public
at Cox's Landing on Old Fort Bayou in Jackson County
79 An Act in relation to the New Orleans Mobile and Chattanooga
Railroad Company a Corporation of the State of Alabama
and authorizing and Empowering said Company to Exercise
enjoy its Corporate powers and franchises in the State of Mississippi
80 An Act to appropriate Room No. 5 on the basement floor of the
State Capitol

W. Yerger
Priv. Secy

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 8. 1867

To
The Keeper of the Mississippi Penitentiary Greeting
Whereas at the May Term 1866 of the
Circuit Court of Panola County. J. B. Light was convicted
of Larceny and sentenced to Confinement in the Penitentiary
for two years
Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of
Mississippi by virtue of the Authority vested in me by the
Constitution and Laws of said State. do grant unto the said
J. B. Light a full pardon and do authorize you on receipt
of these presents to release him from Confinement
Given under my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of Mississippi affixed
This 8th day of February A.D. 1867
Benj. G. Humphreys

L. S.
By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 9th 1867

Mr Speaker,
I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to
inform the House of Representatives, that he has signed and approved
the following House Bills
81 An Act to incorporate the Town of Lake in the County of Scott
82 An Act to amend the Road Laws of the State, in their application to the
County of Coahoma,
83 An Act to transfer, to the State of Louisiana the Island known as
Bouche's Bend Island on the Mississippi River in Exchange for
Island No. 92
84 An Act to incorporate Cato Lodge No. 230 and Cato Royal
Arch Chapter No. 89 in the County of Rankin and for other purposes
85 An Act to incorporate the Chickasaw Savings Institute
86 An Act to amend the Charter of the Town of Port Gibson Claiborne
87 An Act to authorize the Board of Police of Hancock County to
Jas. P. Ward a Citizen of said County in certain case

88 An Act To amend an act entitled an act [illegible]
of Friars Point Approved November 24, 1866
89 An Act To incorporate the Stockholders of the [illegible]
School Stock Company in Jefferson County
90 An Act For the better protection of the State [illegible]
buildings from fire
91 An Act To repeal an act entitled an act to prohibit
vinous and Spiritous liquors in the town of Canton and for
purposes Approved March 11, 1856
92 An Act To amend the charter of the Town of Emory in
of Holmes
93 An Act To legalize a portion of the minutes of the Board
of Madison County
94 An Act To incorporate the Town of Hazlehurst in Copiah
95 An Act To reduce the Bonds of the Circuit Clerks of Gallatin, Smith, Simpson
Perry and Calhoun Counties and for other purposes
96 An Act To incorporate Rankin Lodge No. 221 in the County of Rankin and
for other purposes
97 An Act To incorporate the Trustees of the Liberty Black Baptist Church in
Pontotoc County
98 An Act To authorize the Board of Police of Davis County to have the
Public bridges & for other purposes, of said County
99 An Act To change the Sheriff Bond of Madison & Pontotoc Counties
100 An Act To authorize the Board of Police of Green County to erect toll
bridges in said County
101 An Act To change the Names of certain persons therein named
102 An Act To provide Artificial limb for the maimed State or Confederate Soldiers of this State
103 An Act To Incorporate the Town of Eureka in Panola County Mississippi
104 An Act Supplemental to an act approved October A.D. 1866 Entitled an act
to amend an act approved ~~March~~ November 29, 1865 Entitled an act to protect
Citizens of Hinds County in those sections where the fencing and timber
has been destroyed by the late war, extending the same to the County
of Noxubee
105 An Act Supplemental to an act Entitled an act to authorize the
redemption of lands Sold to the State
106 An Act To authorize W. A. Stockton to retail Spiritous & Vinous liquors
at Bivens Wells in Copiah County

W. Lingefelt
Pres't Senate

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 10th 1867

To
The Superintendent
of the Mississippi Penitentiary: Greeting:

Whereas the September Term 1866 of the Circuit
of Marshall County, "Dub Ross" (a Freedman) was convicted of
Crime of Burglary and by the Court sentenced to three years
confinement in the State Penitentiary

Now therefore, I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor
by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution
of said State, do grant a full pardon to said "Dub Ross"
and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to discharge
Given under my hand and the Great Seal of State
By the Governor affixed This 11th day of February A.D.
C. H. Brunson
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby. 10th 1867

Mr. President

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the Senate, that he has signed and approved the following Senate Bills & Resolutions

11 An Act To remove the civil disabilities of Robert and Mary H[illegible] of Warren County.

12 An Act To incorporate the Fishinnings Saving Institution

13 An Act To authorize the Board of Police of Issaquena County to establish the place where the Courts of said County shall be held

14 An Act to remove the civil disabilities of David P. Thomas son of J. P. Thomas decd. of Madison County Mississippi & others

15 An Act to enable Mary T. Bonham to adopt Allarde Schmidt and change her name to Bee Bonham

16 An Act For the relief of certain persons therein named

17 An Act To incorporate the Meridian Female College in the Town of Meridian

18 An Act To amend an act to incorporate the Southern Travelers Insurance Company approved Nov. 30. 1865—

19 An Act To incorporate Shubuta Female Institute in the Town of Shubuta Clarke County Mississippi

20 An Act To amend the Charter of the Town of Brookhaven

21 An Act To incorporate the Wilkinson County Saving Institution

22 An Act Supplemental to an Act to amend the laws in relation to writs of Error and appeals to the High Court of Errors and Appeals in certain cases and for other purposes approved on the 30th day October 1866

Resolution granting leave of absence to the Probate Judge of Monroe County

W. Langsdale
Secy. Secty.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 11th 1867

To all who shall see these Presents: Greeting:

Whereas an "Universal Exhibition" is to be held at Paris, France in the year Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Seven at which the State of Mississippi should be represented by Commissioners for that purpose

Now, therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi do appoint William E. Gibbs a Commissioner from said State and do authorize and empower him to fulfil the duties of this office according to the rules and regulations provided for the management of said Exhibition

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 11th day of Feby A.D. 1867

L.S.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Bringhurst
Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 12, 1867

To the Senate and House of Representatives

I received on 3rd inst. from Hon W. L. Sharkey Senator Elect to Congress of the United States, a telegram as follows. "Hold the Legislature till I have something to communicate" 11th day of January communication from him enclosing a proposition herewith. Senator Sharkey says "I enclose you propositions which have been prepared by a delegate from North Carolina with great care. These propositions are to come from the same of the leading men have said if the South will adopt the Constitutional amendment which they have drawn of their own, I think they will be adopted by North Carolina South Carolina and Arkansas as all their delegates approve them" I have no recommendation to make on these propositions as I disapprove them entirely

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 12, 1867

Mr. Speaker

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives, that he has signed and approved the following House Bills

107 An Act to incorporate the Town of Crystal Springs & for other purposes
108 An Act to incorporate the Hashingua Manufacturing Company
109 An Act to incorporate the Water Valley Manufacturing Company
110 An Act to protect officers and individuals in certain cases
111 An Act to authorize the investment of a portion of the real estate of Cornelia W. Brown, a minor in a Manufacturing Company
112 An Act for the benefit of J. S. Smith and others of Batesville Panola County and for other purposes
113 An Act for the relief of the Sheriffs and Boards of Police of Jasper and Attala Counties
114 An Act to remove the Civil disabilities of Samuel Jack a minor of the County of Rankin & Edward W. Fauches a minor of Hinds County

W. Burgess
Private Secy

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Feby 12, 1867

To His Excellency
The Governor of Louisiana
Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor of Mississippi, to enclose to your Excellency a certified copy of an Act to transfer to the State of Louisiana the Island of Bugeia Bend Island on the Mississippi river and for Island No. 92, with a request that this transfer be submitted to the Legislature of Louisiana

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. Burgess
Private Secy

Executive Office
Jackson Feby 13 1867

To The Senate

I herewith forward the application of Charley Harris of Panola asking to be relieved from the forfeiture against his son Thomas Harris in case of State vs Page Lomax et al and request your advice and consent thereto.

P G Humphreys Governor

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 14 1867

Mr. President

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor, to inform the Senate, that he has signed and approved the following Senate Bills—

23 An Act To alter the practice of Chancery Courts in relation to injections in certain cases and for other purposes—

24 An Act To apportion Senators and Representatives among the several Counties in this State.

25 An Act To incorporate the Mississippi Immigrant Company

26 An Act To apply the money paid for license to retail vinous and spirituous liquors within the Corporate limits of the town of Pontotoc, Pontotoc County for a limited time to repair the Pontotoc Male Academy—

27 An Act To amend an act Entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the Fayett Female Academy—

28 An Act To remove the Civil disabilities of William L. Regan of the County of Yazoo

29 An Act To amend an act Entitled an act authorizing the Trustees of 16 Section. T. 15. R 17 East to convey certain lots or parcels of ground in the Town of Macon to the Board of Trustees of the Choctaw Collegiate Institution approved 27. January 1852—

30 An Act To change the time of holding the Circuit Court of Sunflower County

31 An Act For the relief of the Sheriff of Hinds County.

32 An Act Amendatory to an act Entitled an act to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Deaf & Dumb Institute of the State of Mississippi to make a contract with the agent for the Deaf & Dumb Institute of Louisiana or any other Southern State approved November 4, 1865.

33 An Act To authorize a change of venue in the Probate Courts of this State in certain cases,

34 An Act Supplemental to an Act Entitled an act relating to the collection of taxes in Adams County and for other purposes approved Feby 4th 1867

35 An Act To legalize the records and proceedings of the Probate Court of Holmes County in certain respects

36 An Act To amend an act Entitled an act to amend the vagrant laws of this State approved Nov. 24. 1865—so far as the same provides for levying a poll & capitation tax on freedmen and minor freedmen

37 An Act To regulate the terms of the Circuit & Chancery Courts in the County of Choctaw

38 An Act To authorize the Southern and [redacted] Fire Marine and accident Insurance Company of [redacted]

in the State of Mississippi
39 An Act For the relief of F. Gollicoffer and the
A. Jackson Deceased of Yalobusha County
40 An Act To Incorporate the Raymond and Hinds County
factoring Company

W. Yerger Jr.
Pres. S. Senate

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 14, 1867

Mr. Speaker

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives, that he has signed and approved the following House Bills—

115 An Act To incorporate the Town of Union in the County of Newton
116 An Act To extend the time of holding the Warren County Circuit Court
117 An Act To incorporate the Meridian Insurance Company and for other purposes
118 An Act To authorize the Mayor and aldermen of the City of Meridian to levy a Tax for the support of schools therein and for other purposes
119 An Act For the relief of Hannah D. North
120 An Act To repeal arts. 65 & 66 of section 9. Chapter 86 of the Revised Code of Mississippi approved March 12, 1857 and for other purposes
121 An Act To provide for the payment of all debts and liabilities contracted or assumed and all script or Evidence of debt issued by the General Board of Levee Commissioners organized under an act approved December 2, 1858 and also for the payment of all debts and liabilities incurred or assumed by any County for work and labor done or materials furnished prior to the 1st day of January 1862 in any County included in the Levee District created by the act of December 2, 1858 aforesaid whether such debts or liabilities were incurred or assumed before or after the passage of the act aforesaid,

W. Yerger Jr. Pres. Senate
Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 14, 1867

To the Sheriff of Warren County Greeting:

Whereas it is represented to me that Henry Harris, Joe Murphy, Granville Morris and Bob. Jones (Freedmen) are now confined in the Jail of said County under sentence of death by hanging for the crime of murder and Sentence passed by the Circuit Court of Warren County at its December Term 1866 Judge J. S. Yerger presiding, which sentence you are ordered to Execute on the 22 nd day of February A.D. 1867

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State do grant unto said Henry Harris Joe Murphy, Granville Morris and Bob Jones (Freedmen) a Reprieve for twenty days

from and after Friday the 22nd day of February A.D.
Given under my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of Mississippi affixed
This the 14th day of Feby 1867
Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Broughes
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Feby 15th 1867

To all who shall see these Presents Greeting:
Whereas an "Universal Exhibition"
is to be held at Paris France in the year Eighteen
hundred and Sixty Seven at which the State of Mississippi
should be represented by Commissioners appointed for that
purpose
Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor
of the State of Mississippi do appoint Charles A. Smith
a Commissioner from said State and do authorize and
Empower him to fulfill the duties of that office ac-
cording to the rules and regulations provided for the
management of said Exhibition
Given under my hand and the Great
Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed
By the Governor at Jackson this the 15th day of February A.D. 1867
C. A. Broughes
Secty of State
Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Feby 15th 1867

To all who shall see these Presents Greeting
Whereas an "Universal
Exhibition" is to be held at Paris, France in the year Eighteen
hundred and Sixty Seven, at which the State of Mississippi
should be represented by Commissioners appointed for that
purpose
Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor
of the State of Mississippi, do appoint Thomas E. Cannon
a commissioner from said State and do authorize
and Empower him to fulfill the duties of that office
according to the rules and regulations provided for the
management of said Exhibition
Given under my hand and the Great
Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed at
Jackson this the 15th day of Feby A.D. 1867
By the Governor
C. A. Broughes
Secty of State
Benj. G. Humphreys

To The Sheriff of Panola County greeting

Jackson Miss.

Whereas

Dem 1866 of the Circuit Court of said Co

ting against Thomas Harris at the Se

for his appearance in said Court, [illegible]

of the State of Mississippi, has this day [illegible]

to the remission of said forfeiture

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys

Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the

vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said

dy with the advice and consent of the Senate remit

forfeiture and do authorize you on the receipt of this

presents to refrain from all further steps to collect said

forfeiture from said Thomas Harris and his payment of

costs.

Given under my hand and the

Great Seal of the State of Mississippi

Affixed this 15th day of Feby A.D. 1867

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor

C. A. Bougher

Secty of State

Executive Office

Jackson Miss. Feby 16th 1867

Mr. Speaker

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has signed and approved the following House Bills and Resolutions

122 An Act To incorporate the President and Directors of the Southern Asylum

123 An Act To incorporate the town of Guntown in the County of Lee

124 An Act To amend an Act Entitled an act to provide for the support of wounded and disabled soldiers and the support and education of indigent Children of deceased soldiers approved November 22 1865

125 An Act To incorporate Wilson Lodge No. 72 at Enterprise Clarke County

126 An Act For the relief of the Town of Verona in Lee County

127 An Act In relation to the navigation of Big Black River

128 An Act To remove the Civil disabilities of certain minors therein named

129 An Act To incorporate the Town of Perry in the County of Hinds

130 An Act To revise and reduce into one an Act Entitled an act to incorporate the Columbus Lee and General Insurance Co approved February 14, 1852, and amendatory acts thereto approved February 1st 1856, January 28, 1862 and December 9, 1863 [illegible]

131 An Act To provide for rebuilding and repairing the Levees on the [illegible] River in the State of Mississippi

132 An Act To incorporate Russell Institute located in the town of [illegible] Newton County

133 An Act authorize the Board of Police of Adams County [illegible] County Bonds

134 An Act For the relief of William Cook of Amite County

135 An Act To incorporate Enterprise Royal Arch Chapter at Enterprise Clarke County

136 An Act To Incorporate the Deer Creek Slack Water Navigation Company

137 An Act To amend an act to incorporate the town of Grenada approved the 27th day of February 1836 and for other purposes

138 An Act To incorporate John A Quitman Council No. 27 at Enterprise Clarke County

139 An Act To regulate the terms of holding the Police Court of Pike as relates to the Counties of Newton and Neshoba and for other purposes

140 An Act To authorize the Erection and Establishment of a Wharf or Landing at DeSoto Point in DeSoto County and for other purposes

141 An Act To abolish the office of Trustee of the Mississippi State Lunatic Asylum and for other purposes

142 An Act To incorporate the Corinth Manufacturing Company

143 An Act To incorporate the Planters Insurance Company of Mississippi

144 An Act To appoint Counsel for the defence of the Hon Jefferson Davis

145 An Act To regulate the Fees of the Clerk of Probate Court Clerk of the Circuit Court and Sheriff in Adams County

146 An Act To remove the Civil disabilities of Hezekiah Hazlewood of Claiborne County

147 An Act To incorporate the Oakland Manufacturing Company

148 An Act to authorize the Citizens of Hancock County to hold an Election for the selection of a permanent seat of Justice for said County and for other purposes

149 An Act To incorporate the Bowman House Company of the City of Jackson

150 An Act To amend the Charter of Meridian

151 An Act To amend the Exemption laws of the State

Resolution granting leave of Absence to Henl. C. E. Hooker Attorney General of the State

W. Yerger
Print. Secty

Senate Bills

41 ~~152~~ An Act Further to amend Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Code relating to the Institution of the Blind Asylum

42 ~~153~~ An Act for the Relief of Upton M. Young and G. Gordon Adams of Warren County and for other purposes.

43 ~~154~~ An Act To incorporate the Lexington Exchange and Savings Institution in the County of Holmes.

44 ~~155~~ An Act To authorize the Board of Trustees of schools & school funds of Township Nine Range Twenty one East in the County of Lawrence, to make certain settlements.

House Bill ~~156~~ 152 An Act To incorporate the Mississippi Agricultural and Manufacturing Aid Society

45 ~~157~~ An Act To legalize the last will and Testament of M. O'Riley late of Madison County, deceased and for other purposes.

46 ~~158~~ An Act For the Encouragement of Agriculture.

47 ~~159~~ An Act to Aid in the Establishment of the Orphans Home of the State of Mississippi.

W. Yerger Jr
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Executive Office Jackson

To All whom it may concern: Greeting:

Whereas at the April term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Adams County, David Singleton F.M.C. was indicted for receiving stolen property, to wit: a mule, the property of one David Miles, and is now under bond for his appearance in said Court to stand his trial under said indictment,

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said state, do grant unto the said David Singleton F.M.C. a full pardon for said offence of receiving stolen property to wit: a mule, the property of one David Miles, and do authorize the discontinuance of all further proceedings against him for said offence, and his discharge from custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi Affixed this, the 18th day of February 1867.

By the Governor
C. A. Broughton
Secty of State

Executive Office Jackson

To All whom it may concern: Greeting:

Whereas at the April Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Adams County David Singleton F.M.C. was indicted for receiving stolen property, to wit: a mule the property of Thomas Grafton; And whereas at the October Term 1866 of said Court said David Singleton F.M.C. was convicted of said offence and sentenced to two years Confinement in the Penitentiary

Now, therefore, I Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said state do grant unto the said David Singleton F.M.C. a full pardon for said offence of receiving stolen property, to wit a mule the property of Thomas Grafton and do authorize the discontinuance of all further proceedings against him, for said offence, and discharge from custody

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State Affixed this 18th day of February A.D. 1867

By the Governor
C. A. Broughton
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Feby 2

Mr Speaker

I am instructed by his Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has signed and approved the following bills

153 An Act in relation to the collection of taxes in Adams County
154 An Act for the relief of Tax Payers
155 An Act for the benefit of the Ladies Vicksburg Confederate Association
156 An Act for the benefit of A. A. Browder a citizen of Panola County.
157 An Act To incorporate the Trustees of Bluff Springs Academy Tippah Co
158 An Act To repeal the laws now in force levying the Office of Sheriff and Assessor Taxes in Jackson County
159 An Act To incorporate the town of Charleston in Tallahatchie Co. and for other purposes
160 An Act To change the name of Ellen Chrisman and for other purposes.
161 An Act To authorize the Board of Police of Covington County to relieve N. C. Lee a citizen of said county in certain cases.
162 An Act Supplemental To an Act entitled An Act to Amend An Act to prescribe the mode in which the County Police in Marion and Perry Counties shall dispose of the three per cent fund belonging to said counties and for other purposes.
163 An Act To authorize the Board of Police of Laurence County to establish a County Ferry at Monticello across Pearl River and for other purposes.
164 An Act To Amend An Act entitled An Act to incorporate the town of Holly Springs in Marshall County, Approved May 13 1887
165 An Act To authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to pay to the several Counties in this State any moneys collected by him on account of County Taxes
166 An Act To Amend An Act To incorporate the Meridian Hotel Company.
167 An Act to remove the civil disabilities of Chas H. Booth of the County of Claiborne and J. Lane Leigh of the County of Tallahatchie
168 An Act For the relief of Benjamin Hayes of Tippah Co.
169 An Act Supplemental to An Act to establish County Courts and An Act Supplemental thereto Approved Oct 31 1886
170 An Act to legalize and confirm certain proceedings of the Board of Police of Washington
171 An Act To Appropriate Certain Taxes and for other purposes.
172 An Act To authorize a resurvey and plat of the town of West Point in Lowndes Co.
173 An Act To change the name of A. F. Lowenberg of Warren Co.
174 An Act For the benefit of Charles Clark & Son of Mississippi
175 An Act To Amend Article 101 of Probate Court Law revised Code page 448
176 An Act For the relief of A. O. Cox Sheriff of Laurence
177 An Act To Amend the Charter of the town of Liberty in the County of Amite.
178 An Act To Ascertain the number of maimed State and Confederate Soldiers in this State requiring artificial Arms and for other purposes
179 An Act For the relief of Jno. B. Tait President of the Board of Police of Marshall Co
180 An Act To remove the Civil Disabilities of James G. Holmes a minor of Scott Co
181 An Act For the relief of Amelia E. J. Clark a minor of Carroll Co.
182 An Act Authorizing the Board of Police of Tunica County to transfer a certain note in the hands of the County Treasurer to the school fund of said county
183 An Act To Incorporate the Pensacola and Meridian Rail Road Company
184 An Act in relation to the Criminal Court of Warren Co.
185 An Act To regulate the distribution of the Reports of the Geology and Agriculture of the State of Mississippi.
186 An Act To Incorporate Chapel Lodge No 180 in Attala Co and for other purposes.
187 An Act requiring Sheriffs to pay money into the County Treasury
188 An Act To incorporate Independent Fire Company No 1 in the City of Natchez,

189 An Act To Amend An Act entitled An Act to reduce into one the laws of State concerning salaries of the several Officers therein named, Approved Nov. 7 1866

190 An Act To Amend the charter of the city of Vicksburg

191 An Act For the benefit of the heirs and Devisees of Thomas A. Hood deceased late of Madison Co.

192 An Act To remove the civil disabilities of Charlotte A. Abraham a married woman of Hinds Co.

193 An Act To authorize the Board of Police of Carroll Co. to erect a bridge on the road from Carrollton to Greenwood.

194 An Act For the relief of Samuel B. Thomas Sheriff of Hinds Co.

195 An Act To define and survey the County line between the counties of Wayne and Clark

196 An Act To provide for Conveying Convicts to the Penitentiary

197 An Act To revive An Act To incorporate the town of Ocean Springs in Jackson County.

198 An Act To incorporate The Brandon Female College in the town of Brandon

199 An Act Supplementary to An Act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the First Judicial District passed at the present session & Appd Feby 7 1867

200 An Act To incorporate the Bankston Manufacturing Company.

201 An Act To incorporate the town of Terry in Hinds Co.

202 An Act To incorporate the Mississippi Mining and Manufacturing Comp'y

203 An Act For the relief of the State University—

204 An Act To be entitled An Act To alter and amend the charter of the Aberdeen Female College located in the town of Aberdeen in Monroe Co.

205 An Act Supplemental to An Act entitled An Act Supplemental to An Act in relation to the collection of Taxes in Adams Co. and for other purposes Approved Feby 4 1867.

206 An Act to Incorporate the Water Valley Presbyterian Church & for other purposes

207 An Act To incorporate The Benevolent Aid Association for the benefit of the Orphans Home and Lunatic Asylum.

208 An Act To incorporate the Planters and Merchants Insurance Company of Sardis in Panola Co.

209 An Act To incorporate the Grenada and Meridian Rail Road Co.

210 An Act To legalize Certain Acts of the Board of Police of Marshall Co.

211 An Act To remove the Civil disabilities of Certain Minors therein named

212 An Act To provide for the sale of swamp land in Franklin Co.

213 An Act To increase the pay of the members of the Board of Police of Certain Counties therein named and for other purposes.

214 An Act To aid the Board of Managers of the Ladies Memorial Association for Confederate dead of Oakwood and the Spotsylvania Ladies Memorial Association of Virginia for the purpose of enabling them to remove the remains of Mississippi Soldiers to Cemeteries provided for that purpose

215 An Act To authorize the Trustees of the Township School Funds in certain Counties to make compromises with persons indebted to said school funds and for other purposes

216 An Act To repeal An Act entitled An Act To incorporate the town of Webster in Winston County.

217 An Act To authorize the Secretary of State to issue Patents in certain cases

218 An Act To incorporate the Verona State Academy in the County of Lee

219 An Act To regulate the Taxes of Adams County for County purposes

220 An Act To legitimatize the issue of Jno. J. Whittington and Ellen Stacy

221 A Bill. To be entitled A Bill An Act To incorporate the town of Clarksdale

222 An Act To aid in surveying the lots of the towns and other purposes

Circuit and Chancery Courts of Choctaw Co.

Executive Office
Jackson Feby 19th 1887

Mr Speaker

I am instructed by his Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has signed and approved the following bills

153 An Act in relation to the collection of taxes in Adams County
154 An Act for the relief of Tax Payers
155 An Act for the benefit of the Ladies Vicksburg Confederate Association
156 An Act for the benefit of A. A. Browder a citizen of Panola County.
157 An Act To incorporate the Trustees of Bluff Springs Academy Tippah Co.
158 An Act To repeal the laws now in force writing the Offices of Sheriff and Assessor of Taxes in Jackson County
159 An Act To incorporate the town of Charleston in Tallahatchie Co. and for other purposes
160 An Act To change the name of Ellen Chrisman and for other purposes.
161 An Act To authorize the Board of Police of Covington County to relieve W. C. Lee a citizen of said county in certain cases.
162 An Act Supplemental To An Act entitled An Act to Amend An Act to prescribe the mode in which the County Police in Marion and Perry Counties shall dispose of the three per cent fund belonging to said counties and for other purposes.
163 An Act To authorize the Board of Police of Lawrence County to establish a County Ferry at Monticello across Pearl River and for other purposes.
164 An Act To Amend An Act entitled An Act to incorporate the town of Holly Springs in Marshall County, Approved May 13 1887
165 An Act To authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to pay to the several Counties in this State Any moneys coll[illegible] by him on account of County Taxes
166 An Act To Amend An Act To Inc[illegible] The Meridian Hotel Company.
167 An Act to remove the civil disabili[illegible] [illegible] St. Booth of the County of Claiborne and J. Lane Leigh of the County of Tallahatchie
168 An Act For the relief of Benjamin Hyer of Tippah Co.
169 An Act Supplemental to An Act to establish County Courts and An Act Supplemental thereto Approved Oct 31 1886
170 An Act to legalize and confirm certain proceedings of the Board of Police of Washington Co
171 An Act To Appropriate Certain Taxes and for other purposes.
172 An Act To authorize a resurvey and plat of the town of West Point in Lowndes Co
173 An Act To change the name of A. F. Lowenberg of Warren Co.
174 An Act For the benefit of Charles Clark Ex Gov. of Mississippi
175 An Act To Amend Article 101 of Probate Court Law revised Code page 449.
176 An Act For the relief of A. O. Cox Sheriff of Lawrence
177 An Act To Amend the Charter of the town of Liberty in the County of Amite.
178 An Act To Ascertain the number of maimed State and Confederate Soldiers in this State requiring artificial Arms and for other purposes
179 An Act For the relief of Jno. B. Tait President of the Board of Police of Marshall Co
180 An Act To remove the Civil Disabilities of James G. Holmes a minor of Scott Co
181 An Act For the relief of Amelia E. J. Clark a minor of Carroll Co.
182 An Act Authorizing the Board of Police of Tunica County to transfer a certain note in the hands of the County Treasurer to the school fund of said county
183 An Act To Incorporate the Pensacola and Meridian Rail Road Company
184 An Act in relation to the Criminal Court of Warren Co.
185 An Act To regulate the distribution of the Reports of the Geology and Agriculture of the State of Mississippi.
186 An Act To Incorporate Chapel Lodge No 180 in Attala Co and for other purposes.
187 An Act requiring Sheriffs to pay money into the County Treasury
188 An Act To incorporate Independent Fire Company No 1 in the City of Natchez,

189 An Act To Amend An Act entitled An Act to reduce into one the laws relating to State concerning salaries of the several officers therein named, Approved Nov. 7 1865

190 An Act To Amend the charter of the city of Vicksburg

191 An Act For the benefit of the heirs and Devisees of Thomas A. Hoover deceased late of Madison Co.

192 An Act To remove the civil disabilities of Charlotte A. Abraham a married woman of Hinds Co.

193 An Act To authorize the Board of Police of Carroll Co. to erect the gates on the road from Carrollton to Greenwood.

194 An Act For the relief of Samuel B. Thomas Sheriff of Hinds Co.

195 An Act To define and survey the County line between the counties of Wayne and Clark

196 An Act To provide for Conveying Convicts to the Penitentiary

197 An Act To revive An Act To incorporate the town of Ocean Springs in Jackson County.

198 An Act To incorporate The Brandon Female College in the town of Brandon

199 An Act Supplementary to An Act to change the times of holding the Circuit Courts in the First Judicial District passed at the present session & Appd Feby 7 1867

200 An Act To incorporate the Bankston Manufacturing Company.

201 An Act To incorporate the town of Terry in Hinds Co.

202 An Act To incorporate the Mississippi Mining and Manufacturing Comp'y

203 An Act For the relief of the State University

204 An Act To be entitled An Act To alter and Amend the charter of the Aberdeen Female College located in the town of Aberdeen in Monroe Co.

205 An Act Supplemental to An Act entitled An Act Supplemental to An Act in relation to the collection of Taxes in Adams Co. and for other purposes Approved Feby 4 1867

206 An Act to Incorporate the Water Valley Presbyterian Church & for other purposes

207 An Act To incorporate The Benevolent Aid Association for the benefit of the Orphans Home and Lunatic Asylum.

208 An Act To incorporate the Planters and Merchants Insurance Company of Sardis in Panola Co.

209 An Act To incorporate the Grenada and Meridian Rail Road Co.

210 An Act To legalize Certain Acts of the Board of Police of Marshall Co.

211 An Act To remove the Civil disabilities of Certain Minors therein named

212 An Act To provide for the sale of swamp land in Franklin Co.

213 An Act To increase the pay of the members of the Board of Police of Certain Counties therein named and for other purposes.

214 An Act To aid the Board of Managers of the Ladies Memorial Association for Confederate dead of Oakwood and the Spotsylvania Ladies Memorial Association of Virginia for the purpose of enabling them to remove the remains of Mississippi Soldiers to Cemeteries provided for that purpose

215 An Act To authorize the Trustees of the Township School Funds in certain Counties to make compromises with persons indebted to said school funds and for other purposes.

216 An Act To repeal An Act entitled An Act To incorporate the town of Webster in Winston County.

217 An Act To authorize the Secretary of State to issue Patents in [illegible]

218 An Act To incorporate the Vernon Male Academy in the County of [illegible]

219 An Act To regulate the Fees of Assess County for County [illegible]

220 An Act To legitimatize the issue of Jno. J. Whittington and Ellen [illegible]

221 A Bill To be entitled A Bill An Act To incorporate the town of [illegible]

222 An Act To aid in surveying the lots of the owners and other purposes [illegible] Circuit and Chancery Courts of Choctaw Co.

223 An Act to appropriate the Taxes arising from the sale of various and [illegible] liquors in the town of Baldwin in Lee County.
224 Resolution Granting leave of absence to J. S. Yerger and R. V. Booth.
225 An Act to incorporate the Planters Loan Association.
226 A Resolution of thanks to Col Jno. McGavock of Franklin Tenn.
227 An Act Granting power to the Board of Police of Hinds Co to establish Ferries and Toll Gates in certain cases
228 To change the time of holding the Circuit Court of Pettitola Co.
229 An Act To incorporate the Carrollville Manufacturing Company.
230 An Act For the relief of J. H. Baxter of Holmes Co.
231 An Act To incorporate the Southern Home Insurance Company.
232 An Act To incorporate the Brandon Hotel Company
233 An Act Amendatory of the Incorporation of the town of Aberdeen in Monroe Co.
234 An Act For the benefit of the University of Mississippi
235 An Act to incorporate the Granada and Pontotoc Rail Road Company
236 An Act To incorporate the Baldwyn Manufacturing Company
237 An Act To amend the several Acts in relation to the Grenada and Port Gibson Rail Road Company.
238 An Act To incorporate the Meridian Manufacturing Company
239 An Act To amend an Act entitled an Act To authorize the Board of Police of Pettitola Co to reduce and re audit certain claims against said County. Apd Nov 11 1865
240 An Act To authorize and empower the Board of Police and Trustees of the Eighteenth Section funds of certain Counties to compromise the school funds thereof.
241 An Act To regulate the Apprentice Laws of this State.
242 An Act Supplemental to an Act entitled an Act regulating the Salaries of Probate Judges of the several Counties of this State Apd Feby [illegible]
243 An Act For the defense of the Hon Jefferson Davis
244 An Act For the relief of the Rail Roads of this State and their Creditors.
245 An Act For the relief of Jno R. Potter of Tippah Co. Thos H. Ford of Marion Co and for other purposes.
246 An Act To amend the charter of the Southern Rail Road Company
247 An Act To amend the Statutes of this State in relation to Freedmen.
248 An Act For the benefit of the Orphans Asylum of the City of Natchez and for other purposes
249 An Act To authorize the Construction of Street Rail Ways in the City of Natchez.
250 Joint Resolution in regard to W. F. Manny a citizen of Virginia.
251 An Act To prevent Civil Steel in certain counties therein named
252 An Act To fix the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the Fourth Judicial District of the state of Mississippi
253 An Act To suspend for a limited time the collection of the tax imposed upon travelling over Rail Roads in this State by the Act approved Dec 1865 and the amendatory act of October 1866 for raising revenue to defray the expenses of the State Ellisville.
254 An Act To amend the Law in reference to Liquors and Wines
255 An Act Making certain Appropriations herein named for the purposes
256 An Act To create certain Appropriations therein named
257 An Act To authorize the collection of Taxes upon Lands purchased by the Board of Supervisors of Bolivar, Washington & Sunflower Counties for the non payment of the Levy Tax
258 An Act Making Appropriations for repairs on public buildings & for other purposes
259 An Act To amend an Act entitled an Act to raise revenue for defraying the expenses of the state of Mississippi Apd Dec 5 1865

State of Mississippi
Executive Department

Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi:
To all to whom these Presents shall come: Greeting:

Know ye that I have empowered and by these presents do authorize and empower
Lewis Johnson
to take and receive from the proper authorities of the State of Louisiana,
David Lawed
a fugitive from Justice and convey him to the State of Mississippi there to be dealt with according to law. (This state will not be liable for the expenses attending the execution of this requisition)

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed at the City of Jackson, this 20th day of February 1867.

By the Governor
C. A. Broughton
Secty of State

Benjn G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Febry 20 1867

Mr President

I am instructed by his Excellency the Governor to inform the Senate that he has signed and approved the following bills

47 An Act To authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to issue his warrants in certain cases.
48 An Act To incorporate the French Camp Manufacturing Company
49 An Act To incorporate the Memphis and Grenada and Mobile Rail Road Company.
50 An Act To authorize the clerk of the Probate Court of Harrison Co. to transcribe the minutes of the Probate Court and for other purposes.
51 An Act For the relief of the Tax Payers of Choctaw Co and for other purposes
52 An Act To cede jurisdiction to the Government of the United States over certain lands therein named for the purpose of a National Cemetery.
53 An Act in relation to the enrollment of Judgements in the County of Lee.
54 An Act Supplemental to An Act to create a new county to be called the County of Lee
55 An Act For the relief of the minor heirs of E. H. Rosamond decd late of Pontotoc Co
56 An Act Prescribing the salary of the Keeper of the Capitol
57 An Act For the relief of the Sheriff of Rankin County.
58 An Act For the relief of Jno M Saylor of Rankin County.
59 An Act To Amend an Act to extend the corporate limits of the town of Monroe
60 An Act To incorporate the Mississippi Industrial Insurance Company.
61 An Act To incorporate the Mississippi American Industrial Agency
62 An Act Appropriating the funds arising from the sale of wines and spirituous liquors in the town of Macon and for other purposes.
63 An Act To amend the law heretofore in force protecting the property rights of married women
64 An Act To amend certain sections of Chapter 62 Revised Code, in relation to Chancery Courts.
65 An Act to change the rules of evidence in certain cases

66 An Act To incorporate Stonewall Lodge No 78 & for other p
67 An Act To incorporate The Duka Springs Hotel Company
68 An Act Creating the Office of County Administrator
69 An Act To modify the practice in the Probate Court and for other pur
70 An Act To provide for the payment of interest due from the State to the Chickasaw Counties on account of the Chickasaw school fund and for other purposes
71 An Act. To establish uniform measurement of logs
72 Resolution to authorize the receipt and distribution of supplies donated by the Kentucky Baptist Southern Aid Society.
73 An Act To aid in the establishment of the Orphan's Home of the State of Mississippi.
74 An Act To aid in the establishment of the Orphan's Home of the State of Mississippi
75 An Act Supplemental to An Act entitled An Act for the benefit of the University of Mississippi
76 An Act To increase the salaries of the Probate Judges of certain Counties therein named
77 An Act For the relief of Patrick Mallon of Hinds Co.
78 An Act To authorize the Construction of street Rail Roads in Vicksburg
79 An Act To authorize the Trustees of Township 20 Range 5 East in Carroll Co to compromise and settle with T. J. Edmundson.
80 An Act To provide for the holding of the High Court of Errors and Appeals and for other purposes.
81 An Act To suspend the Act to reorganize the Militia of the State and Sub
82 An Act To incorporate Live Oak Academy in Jackson County Miss.
83 Joint Resolution Authorizing the Clerk of the Penitentiary to settle with the Auditor of Public Accounts.
84 An Act To incorporate Bradford Machine Company
85 An Act For the benefit of Mary Francis Green a minor of Attala County
86 An Act To authorize the Board of Police of De Soto County to retrench and audit certain claims against said County.
87 Resolution Authorizing the Lessees of the Mississippi State Penitentiary to work certain of the Convicts in the Penitentiary outside the grounds of the prison at labor not requiring mechanical skill upon the part of the Convicts.
88 An Act To authorize Judges of the Probate Courts in this state to grant injunctions and other remedial process and writs of Habeas Corpus and for other purposes.
89 An Act To incorporate the President and Directors of the Mississippi Society of Arts and Science
90 An Act To authorize the Construction and use of street Rail Roads in the City of Jackson
91 An Act To be entitled An Act to grant a General Amnesty and pardon all officers and soldiers for crimes and misdemeanors alleged to have been committed during the war.
92 An Act To provide for marking dogs in certain Counties and for other pur

Executive Office
Jackson Miss

To the Sheriff of Yazoo County: Greeting

Term of the Circuit Court of Yazoo County, Geo. W. Rockelford was tried under an indictment for murder and found guilty of man-slaughter in the Third Degree and was by the Court sentenced to Three Years Confinement in the State Penitentiary.

Now therefore, I, Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the Constitution and Laws of the said state and for other good and sufficient reasons, have thought proper and do hereby grant unto the said Geo. W. Rockelford a full pardon for said crime of manslaughter in the Third Degree and do authorize you upon receipt of this pardon to discharge him from custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 27th day of February 1867

By the Governor
A. Brougher
Sect'y of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Febry 22d 1867

To all whom it may concern: Greeting

Whereas at the May term 1857 of the Circuit Court of Oktibbeha County an indictment was found by the Grand Jury of said County against W. L. Stovall for the murder of one Robert Burns committed in said County which indictment is still pending.

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said state and for divers good and sufficient reasons thereto moving, have thought proper and do hereby grant a full pardon for the offence charged in said indictment and do hereby authorize and require all prosecutions pending against said W. L. Stovall under said indictment to be dismissed.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 22d day of February 1867

By the Governor
A. Brougher
Sec'y of State

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor of Miss.

Executive Office Feby 20 1867

In pursuance of an Act entitled An Act (see House bill No 121)
I do hereby appoint

James L. Alcorn of Coahoma Co
Charles Clark of Bolivar Co
T. Shelby of Washington Co

the Commissioners to carry out the provisions of the said Act.

B. G. Humphreys
Governor

Executive Office Feby 20 1867

In pursuance of an Act entitled An Act to provide for rebuilding and re[illegible] the Levees on the Mississippi River in the State of Mississippi

J. S. Yerger of Washington Co
Dr Wm S. Langley of Sunflower Co

are hereby appointed Commissioners to assist in the sale of bonds as provided for in said Act;

and

Thomas Saunders Respondents of Tunica County — Sol Brown
J. G. Miller of Coahoma Co.
Charles Clark " Bolivar Co.
Robert G. Sims of Washington Co
A. M. Gwin of Sunflower Co Col Thomas Pitts Co

are appointed Trustees to carry out the provisions of said act — They are to meet this first meeting at Greenville in Washington Co. on the fourth Monday March 1867, in order to perfect their organization &c.

B. G. Humphreys
Governor

Executive Office Feby 20

To the Senate

I herewith forward the names of the following Gentlemen

1st Congressional District	C. P. Pool	of Marshall Co	Early Grove
" " "	Dr W. A. Taylor	Boonville	Tishomingo Co
2d " " "	Hon Jno D. Holder	Sardis	Pontotoc "
" Sol N. Rose - Senatorial - colleague	" D. L. Milton	Grenada	Yalobusha "
3d " "	Jno N Counts	Macon	Noxubee Co
" "	Hon J. A. Binford	Duck Hill	Carroll Co
4th "	" Dr M. L. Craft	Jackson	Hinds Co
" J. Barnes - Bigbee -	" " D. L. McCaleb	Greenville	Washington
" D. L. Cohen - Brookhaven	" Hon Robert Lowry	Brandon	Rankin
5th	Hon A. B. Barry	Hazlehurst	Copiah
	" H. N. Quinn	Columbus	Pike

as Supervisors of the State Lunatic Asylum and in accordance with the Act entitled An Act to abolish the office of Trustee of the Miss State Lunatic Asylum and for other purposes, ask your advice & Consent to this appointment.

Benj. G. Humphreys
Governor pro

To
The Sheriff of Leake County: Greeting.

Whereas at the [illegible]
Circuit Court of said County Richard T. [illegible]
two cases for selling spirituous liquors to [illegible]
minors, residing in said County and whereas the said [illegible]
pleaded Guilty to both indictments and was fined [illegible]
the sum of One hundred Dollars in each case.
And whereas the said Mr. Duff has paid the costs [illegible]
Now therefore I [illegible]
Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested [illegible]
Constitution and laws of said State, do remit said fine [illegible]
Rich'd T. McDuff and do authorize you on receipt of this [illegible]
to refrain from further steps for the collection of said fine.
Given under my hand and the Great Seal [illegible]
State of Mississippi affixed this the 6th day
of March 1867

By the Governor
C. S. Brougher
Secty of State

R. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To
The Sheriff of Leake County, Greeting

Whereas at the February term
of the Circuit Court of Leake County, J. H. C. Jordan was indicted for
selling spirituous liquors to one C. E. Williams a minor and was fined
by the Court in the sum of One hundred dollars and whereas it appears
that said Jordan has paid the costs in said case
Now therefore I R. G. Humphreys Governor of the State
by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of
said state, do remit said fine of One hundred dollars against
said J. H. C. Jordan and do authorize you on receipt of this [illegible]
to refrain from all further steps for collection of said fine.
Given under my hand and the Great Seal
of the State affixed this the 6th day of [illegible]
A.D. 1867

By the Governor
[illegible]
Secty of State

R. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Warren County: Greeting,

Whereas at the December Term A.D. 1866 of the Circuit Court of Warren County.

Henry Harris Robert Jones, Joseph Murphy and Granville Morris were convicted of the crime of Murder and Arson and were by the Court sentenced to be hung on Friday the 22d day of February A.D. 1867

And whereas, on the 14th day of February 1867 the Governor of the State of Mississippi granted to said Henry Harris Robert Jones, Joseph Murphy and Granville Morris a respite for (28) twenty-eight days from and after the 22d day of February A.D. 1867.

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of said State, do commute said sentence of death as passed upon said Henry Harris, Robert Jones, Joseph Murphy and Granville Morris to confinement in the State Penitentiary at Jackson at hard labor for and during the term of their and each of their natural lives, and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to refrain from the execution of the death penalty on said Henry Harris, Robert Jones, Joseph Murphy and Granville Morris, but to hold them in close confinement in the county jail in Warren County until they are removed to the State Penitentiary upon requisition of the Superintendent thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 18th day of March 1867

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor.
J. A. Broughton,
Secty of State

The State of Mississippi;

To All who shall see these presents, Greeting:

"Resolutions to authorize the receipt, shipment and distribution of supplies donated by the Kentucky Baptist Southern Relief Association among the several counties in this state and for other purposes," adopted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi and Approved February 20th AD 1867, provides that the Governor shall appoint some suitable person to receive, ship and distribute said supplies,

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said resolutions do appoint

L. A. Duncan

as Commissioner to receive, ship and distribute said supplies donated by said Kentucky Baptist Southern Relief Association among the several counties in this state, said distribution to be made by said L. A. Duncan as Commissioner under the terms and conditions of the above mentioned Resolutions adopted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brought
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss March 18 1867

To
The Sheriff of Lauderdale County: Greeting

Whereas at the February Term of the Circuit Court A.D. 1867 of said County James Benson was convicted of Malicious Mischief and sentenced to three months imprisonment in the County Jail, now, therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi for good and sufficient reasons as set forth in a petition signed by the Jury which convicted him and other good and Lawful citizens of Lauderdale County, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Mississippi, have the proper and do hereby grant a full pardon to said James Benson and do authorize him on receipt of this pardon to discharge him from further custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi this the 18th day of March 1867.

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brought
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To all whom it may concern: Greeting:

Whereas at a Special Term of the Circuit Court of Winston County in said State held in December 1866 G. D. Bilstamento was indicted for compounding a felony in releasing J. W. Parks, J. M. Stewart and T. A. Doss, charged with stealing Cotton

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State and for divers good and sufficient reasons thereto moving have thought proper to grant and and do hereby grant unto the said G. D. Bilstamento a full pardon for said offence of compounding a felony and do authorize and empower all Courts and Officers to discharge him from custody and refrain from further prosecution of said Bilstamento under said indictment.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed this 27th day of March

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
E. H. Droughet
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Superintendent of the Mississippi Penitentiary: Greeting

Whereas at the April Term 186[illegible] of the Circuit Court of Madison County in said State of Mississippi, William Wadsperth was convicted of the Crime of Larceny, and by the Court sentenced to be confined in the State Penitentiary for the term of twelve Months, which is almost expired,

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant a full Pardon to said William Wadsperth for said Crime of Larceny and do authorize you on receipt of these Presents to release him from Custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed, This 15th day of Apr 1867.

Benj G. Humphreys

By the Governor
E. H. Droughet
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson

To The Sheriff of Madison County: Greeting

Whereas at the [illegible] Circuit Court of Madison County Robert Brown (Freedman) was convicted of Murder and sentenced to be hanged on the [illegible] Instant,

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State and for divers good and sufficient reasons have thought proper to commute the sentence of death passed against Robert Brown (Freedman) to confinement in the State Penitentiary for life and do authorize you on receipt of this pardon to refrain from executing the sentence of death upon said Robert Brown (Freedman) and keep him in close confinement until he can be transferred to the State Penitentiary there to remain for the term of his natural life.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 6th day of May 1867

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Bonifay
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To all whom it may concern: Greeting:

Whereas at the November Term 1859 of the Circuit Court of Holmes County Andrew B. Heath was indicted for the murder of Thomas Robinson committed in said County Now, therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, for divers good and sufficient reasons, do grant unto the said Andrew B. Heath a full pardon for the killing of said Thomas Robinson and do authorize the dismissal of all prosecution against him on account thereof.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed this the 7th day of May 1867

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Bonifay
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss.

To the Sheriff of Lafayette County Greeting:

Whereas at the October Term of the Circuit Court of Lafayette County a Judgement was taken against N. C. McGuire as the security of E. C. Boyd for his appearance in said Court for the sum of five hundred dollars

Now therefore I B. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do suspend the collection of the forfeiture taken in the above stated case until after the next meeting of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to refrain from further steps to collect the same until the advice and consent of the Senate can be had thereon

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed this the 11th day of May 1867

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Bonghey
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To The Superintendent
of the Mississippi Penitentiary { Greeting

Whereas at the April Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of Madison County, Jno Fletcher was convicted of the crime of Larceny and sentenced to imprisonment in the Penitentiary for the period of six months

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State and for divers good and sufficient reasons, have thought proper to grant unto the said Jno. Fletcher a full pardon for the said crime of Larceny and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to discharge him from custody

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed this the 13th day of May 1867

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Bonghey
Secretary of State

Executive Office Jackson May 25th 1867

To The Sheriff of Harrison County: Greeting

Whereas at the May term A. D. 1867 of the Circuit Court of said County George Klein (Freedman) was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to Thirty (30) days imprisonment in the County Jail of said County.

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State do grant unto the said George Klein a full pardon for said crime of petit larceny and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to release him from confinement.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed this 25th day of May 1867

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Bonghey
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary: Greeting

Whereas at the December Term of the Circuit Court of Lauderdale County John Thimble was convicted of Grand Larceny and sentenced to four years confinement in the Penitentiary

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State and for divers good and sufficient reasons thereto moving me, do grant unto the said John Thimble a full pardon and do authorize you on receipt of this pardon to release him from custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed this the 26th day of May A. D. 1867.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Bingham
Secty of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary: Greeting

Whereas at the December Term A.D. 1866 of the Circuit Court of Warren County Richard King Anderson was convicted of shooting one Leonard Gordon and was sentenced to five years confinement in the Penitentiary

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State and for divers good and sufficient reasons thereto moving me, do grant unto the said Richard King a full pardon and do authorize you on receipt of this pardon to release him from custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed this the 27th day of May A. D. 1867.

Executive Office Jackson Miss

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary: Greeting

Whereas at the November Term A.D. 1866 of the Criminal Court of Warren County Mahala Hill was convicted of the crime of Larceny and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment in the Penitentiary

Now therefore I B. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State and for divers good and sufficient reasons do grant unto the said Mahala a full pardon for said crime of larceny and do authorize you on receipt of this pardon to release her from further custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed this the 3rd day of June 1867.

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Bingham
Secty of State

Executive office.
Jackson, Mississippi,

To the Sheriff of Amite County: Greeting:

Whereas at the May Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of said County, Daniel M. Dillotson was convicted of an assault upon one Raymer, and sentenced to pay a fine of One Hundred Dollars, and the costs of the prosecution, and stand committed to the County jail for the space of three months, and until the fine and costs are paid;

Now therefore, I, Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do remit unto said Daniel M. Dillotson, the said fine of One Hundred Dollars, and the confinement in the jail for three months, and do authorize you, on receipt of these presents, to release him from custody, on his payment of all costs,

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed, This 8th day of June 1867

L.S.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Rhymer
Secretary of State

The State of Mississippi.

To all who shall see these presents: Greeting;

Know ye, that I Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of said State, by virtue of the authority vested in me by an act of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, entitled "An act to provide for rebuilding and repairing the Levees on the Mississippi River in the State of Mississippi." approved February 16, 1867. have appointed

Maj. M. D. Avent

One of the Commissioners to assist in negotiating the loan provided for in said act, and do authorize him to execute the duties and enjoy the privileges and emoluments of said office according to law,

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, at Executive office in the City of Jackson, This 10th day of June 1867.

L.S.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Rhymer Secretary of State

Executive Office,
Jackson, Mississippi.

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary: Greeting:

Whereas at the November Term 1866 of the Criminal Court of Warren County, John Hill, freedman, was convicted of the crime of Larceny, and was sentenced by the Court to one year's imprisonment in the State Penitentiary.

Now, therefore, I, B. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for divers good and sufficient reasons thereto moving me, do grant unto the said John Hill, freedman, a full pardon for said crime of Larceny, and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to release him from Custody.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi, to be affixed. This 11th day of June 1867.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor

A. Brought Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss.

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary: Greeting

Whereas at the November Term A.D. 1866 of Oktibbeha County Needham Cromwell was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to be confined in the Penitentiary. Now therefore, I, B. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State and for divers good and sufficient reasons, do grant unto the said Needham Cromwell a full pardon for said crime of Larceny and do authorize you on receipt of this pardon to discharge him from custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed this the 4th day of June 1867

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brought
Secty of State

To

Executive Office Jackson Miss

The Superintendent of the Penitentiary: Greeting:

Whereas at the September term A. D. 1866 of the Circuit Court of Jasper County James Lockridge was convicted of the crime of Larceny and sentenced to be confined in the Penitentiary for years,

Now, therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of said state and for divers good and sufficient reasons, do grant unto the said Jas Lockridge a full pardon for said crime of Larceny and do authorize you upon receipt of this pardon to discharge him from custody.

L. S.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed this the 4th day of June 1867

B G Humphreys

By the Governor
A Broughton
Secty of State

Executive Office Jackson Mississippi

To

The Superintendent of the Penitentiary: Greeting

Whereas at the April Term of the Circuit Court of Choctaw County A. D. 1866 of Derry Thompson was convicted of a assault with intent to kill and was sentenced to be confined in the Penitentiary, Now therefore I B G Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State and for divers good and sufficient reasons do grant unto the said Derry Thompson a full pardon for said crime of assault with intent to kill and do authorize you upon receipt of this pardon to discharge him from custody.

L. S.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed this the 4th day of June 1867

B G Humphreys

By the Governor
A Broughton
Secty of State

Executive office,
Jackson, Mississippi.

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary: Greeting:

Whereas at the May Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of Holmes County, John C. Evans, was convicted of Manslaughter, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for the term of four years. Now, therefore, I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, and for divers good and sufficient reasons, thereto moving me, do grant unto the said John C. Evans, a full pardon for said Crime of Manslaughter, and do authorize you on receipt of these presents, to discharge him from Confinement.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, this 18th day of June A.D. 1867.

L.S.

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher Secretary of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To all who shall see these presents: Greeting,

Whereas at the September Term A.D. 1861 of the Circuit Court of Marshall County James Moore and Samuel Moore were indicted for the murder of John T. Hamilton, Now, therefore, I B. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State and for divers other good and sufficient reasons, do grant unto the said James Moore and Samuel Moore, a full pardon for said crime of Murder of Jno. T. Hamilton whereunto they stand charged, and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to dismiss all further proceedings against them and discharge them from further custody.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State this 5th day of July 1867

L.S.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor.
C. A. Brougher
Secty of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss.

To the Sheriff of Noxubee County Greeting

Whereas at the October Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Noxubee County John Hosley Harlan (Sherman) was convicted of Petit Larceny and sentenced by the Court to three months imprisonment in the County Jail.

Now therefore I B. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of said State and for divers other good and sufficient reasons to grant unto the said John Hosley Harlan a full pardon and do authorize you upon receipt of these presents to discharge him from further custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Miss. this 5 day of July 1867

L.S.

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher

Executive Office
Jackson Miss

To All who shall see these presents - Greeting

Whereas an Indictment is now pending in the Circuit Court of Jaquena County against J. H. Pisell on a charge of Assault with intent to kill on one James L. Murphy Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State and for other good and sufficient reasons, do grant unto said

J. H. Pisell

a full pardon for said offence of "Assault with intent to kill" and do authorize you upon receipt of these presents to release him from custody and discharge all further proceedings against him on his payment of all costs.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed this the 3rd day of July 1867

B. G. Humphreys

L. S.
By the Governor
A. Brougher
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To The Sheriff of Noxubee County: Greeting

Whereas at the October Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of said county John Cavett, a freedman, was convicted of the crime of Larceny and sentenced to one years imprisonment in the Penitentiary from which sentence and judgement an appeal was taken to the High Court of Errors and Appeals which at its recent term held at Macon affirmed the judgement of the Court below Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State and for other good and sufficient reasons do grant unto the said John Cavett a full pardon for said offence of Larceny and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to discharge him from further custody on payment of all costs.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State this 5th day of July 1867

B. G. Humphreys

L. S.
By the Governor
A. Brougher
Secty of State

Ex. Office Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Lowndes County: Greeting

Whereas at the July Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of said county, John Byrd a freedman was convicted of an Assault and Battery and sentenced to pay a fine of Twenty Dollars and the costs of the suit, Now therefore I B. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State do grant unto the said John Byrd a remission of the fine of 20$ and do authorize you upon receipt of these presents to discharge him from custody on the payment of costs.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed this the 16th day of July AD 1867

B. G. Humphreys

L. S.
By the Gov.

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Holmes County, Greeting

Whereas at the November Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of said county James Morris was convicted of Manslaughter and sentenced to ten years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for killing one Allen Hale,

Now therefore I B. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do grant unto the said James Morris a full pardon for said crime of manslaughter whereof he stands convicted and do authorize you on receipt of this pursuant to discharge him from custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 27th day of July 1867.

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brought
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary: Greeting;

Whereas at a special Term of the Circuit Court of Marshall County in this State held in the month of July 1867 Abraham Petrie a freedman was convicted of "Shooting with intent to kill" another freedman named Lewis Hampton and by the Court sentenced to Three Years confinement in the Penitentiary

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do grant unto the said Abraham Petrie freedman a full pardon and do authorize you upon receipt of this pursuant to discharge him from further custody

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi this 1st day of August 1867

L. S.

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brought
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Supt. Miss. Penty: Greeting:

Whereas Daniel Stout & W. T. Campbell, were at the Sept. Term 1866, of the Circuit Court of Kemper County, Convicted of Larceny & sentenced to one year imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

Now therefore, I, B. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do grant unto said Daniel Stout and W. T. Campbell a full Pardon for said Crime of Larceny, and authorize you on receipt of these presents to discharge them from custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, this [illegible] day of August 1867

(L.S.)

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brugher
Secy of State

Executive Office:
Jackson, Mississippi.

To the Sheriff of Leake County — Greeting,

Whereas at the August Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of said County, George W. Thompson plead guilty to an indictment for selling liquor to minors, and was fined by the Court the sum of One Hundred Dollars ($100).

Now therefore, I, B. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for divers other good and sufficient reasons thereto moving, do grant unto the said George W. Thompson, a remission of said fine of One Hundred Dollars, and authorize you on receipt of these presents, to release him from custody & refrain from all further steps for the collection of said fine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, this 3rd day of September 1867

(L.S.)

By B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brugher
Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss

To The Superintendent of the Mississippi Penitentiary: Greeting:

Whereas at the November Term A.D. 1865 of the Circuit Court of Monroe County Coleman Baldwin was convicted of the crime of Larceny and sentenced to the Penitentiary for the term of two years which sentence was confirmed by the High Court of Errors and Appeals on an Appeal had thereto,

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of said State and for other good and sufficient reasons thereto moving me, do grant unto the said Coleman Baldwin a full pardon and do authorize you upon receipt of these presents to discharge him from further custody.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed, at Jackson Miss this the 5th day of September A.D. 1865.

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
J. A. Broughton
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To The Sheriff of Clark County Greeting:

Whereas, at the September Term of The Circuit Court A.D. 1867. of Said County. John V. Wainright was convicted of Assault and Battery upon a woman and sentenced to four months imprisonment in the County Jail.

Now Therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, for good and sufficient reasons, as set forth in a petition signed by numerous Citizens and lawyers of Said County of Clark. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, have thought proper, and do hereby grant a full pardon to Said John V. Wainright, and do authorize and require you, on receipt of these presents to discharge him from further Custody.

(LS)

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Miss affixed, at the City of Jackson this the 13th day of Sept. A.D. 1867

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
J. A. Broughton
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To The Circuit Clerk of Yazoo County Greeting:

Whereas at The May Term A.D. 1867 of the Circuit Court of Yazoo County, Saul Franklin was indicted by the Grand Jury for an attempt to bribe The Jailor of Said County, for the release of one Shackleford from Custody &c.

Now Therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of The State of Mississippi, for good and sufficient reasons, as Set forth in a petition Signed by many good Citizens of Said County, and, By virtue of the authority vested in me, by The Constitution and Laws of The State of Mississippi, have thought proper, and do hereby grant a full pardon to Said Saul Franklin.

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Given under my hand and the Great Seal of The State of Mississippi affixed This 13th day of September A.D. 1867

By The Governor
C. A. Broughton
Secretary of State

Ben. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Oct 3d 1867

To
The Superintendent of the Mississippi Penitentiary: Greeting

Whereas Wm. M. Carpenter is confined in the Penitentiary under sentence from the Circuit Court of Bowie County at the last October Term of said Court, convicted of the Charge of Bigamy. Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Miss. by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of said State do grant this my full pardon unto the said Wm. M. Carpenter and do authorize you upon receipt of this pardon to discharge him from further custody.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this the 3d day of October A.D. 1867.

By the Governor
C. A. Broughton
Secty of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

(Executive Office
Jackson Miss

To the Sheriff of Marshall County — Greeting:

Whereas at the September Term [illegible] Circuit Court of said County (William H. McQuillen) fined by the Court the sum of Three Hundred ($300) Dollars for "Affray" to which he pleaded "Guilty"

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do remit the said fine of Three Hundred Dollars ($300) imposed by said Court upon said William McQuillen, for said "Affray", and do authorize and require on receipt of these presents to refrain from further proceedings to collect the same,

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, this 14th day of October 1867

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
J. A. Prongher
Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To all whom it may concern: Greeting:

Whereas E. C. Walthall was recently engaged in a Duel, as the Second of J. Z. George with E. S. Fisher, Contrary to the Laws of the State, and is liable to be indicted and punished therefor.

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant a full pardon to said E. C. Walthall for said offence of being engaged in a Duel, and authorize and require all Courts and officers to abstain from all proceedings on account thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, this 5th day of November 1867.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
J. A. Prongher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To all whom it may Concern: Greeting:

Whereas J. Z. George has contrary to the Laws of the State of Mississippi been engaged in a Duel with E. S. Fisher, and is liable to be indicted and punished therefor,

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, to grant unto said J. Z. George a free pardon for said offence of Duelling, and authorize and require all Courts and officers to desist from all proceedings on account thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 5th day of December 1867.

Benj. G. Humphreys

(L. S.)

By the Governor
E. Mayes
Secretary of State

Ex. Office Jackson Miss.

To the Sheriff of Panola County: Greeting

Whereas at the May Term AD 1867 of the Circuit Court of Panola County Eliza Clayton and W. H. Clayton were convicted of unlawful cohabitation and sentenced to pay a fine of one thousand Dollars - and whereas it has been represented to me by good citizens of Panola that the said convicted and sentenced parties cannot pay the said fine and have lawfully married each other, Now therefore I B. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the said Eliza Clayton and W. H. Clayton a full pardon for said crime and do grant a remission of said fine of one thousand Dollars and do authorize you upon receipt of these presents to discharge them from further custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi this the 20th day of Nov 1867

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
E. Mayes
Secty of State

Thos T. Swann Esq
Auditor Public Accounts

Executive Office
Jackson Miss

Sir

You will please find your account [illegible] of a Warrant for $779.50 on app of the Contingent Fund from [illegible] 1st October 1868.

Yours Resp'y
Jas W Alcorn
P. G. Humphreys
Governor of Miss

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To
The Superintendent of the Mississippi State Penitentiary: Greeting:

Whereas at the March term A. D. 1867 of the Circuit Court of Attala County, John A. Tekel was sentenced to the Penitentiary for the term of two years for the crime of horse stealing and whereas by authority of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Mississippi, the Governor has the power to grant a full pardon in all cases meriting his clemency.

Now, therefore I Perry G. Humphreys by virtue of such authority in me vested do grant unto the said John A. Tekel a full pardon for said offence and do authorize you upon receipt of these presents to discharge him from further custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of State this the 2d day of December 1867.

P G Humphreys

By the Governor
C Brougher
Sec'y of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To
The Sheriff of Wilkinson County: Greeting

Whereas at the January Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of Wilkinson County Alexander McGraine was fined Fifty dollars as a delinquent Juror and a "Fire facias" has issued therefor.

Now therefore I Perry G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State do grant unto the said Alexander McGraine a remission of said fine and do authorize you upon receipt of these presents to refrain from further proceedings to collect the same on his payment of the costs.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of State of Mississippi this the 3d day of December A D 1867

P G Humphreys

By the Governor
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Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Holmes County: Greeting:

Whereas at the Term of the Circuit Court of Holmes County Ed. R. Vaughan was found guilty of gaming and was fined in the sum of Dollars and sentenced to be imprisoned

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State and for divers good and sufficient reasons do grant unto the said Ed. R. Vaughan a remission of said fine and imprisonment and do authorize you upon receipt of these presents to discharge him on payment of the costs.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Great Seal of the State this the 3d day of December A.D. 1867.

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
E. A. Draughn
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Madison County. Greeting

Whereas at the Term of the High Court of Errors and Appeals held at the Capitol of Mississippi, held at the town of Macon in the county of Noxubee in said State in the month of A.D. 1867, Judgement final was rendered against Robt Doyle, Principal, James Burke and Jno. McCallister his Sureties in a recognizance in the sum of One Thousand Dollars for the appearance of said Robt Doyle at said Term of said Court and whereas an execution has been issued by the Clerk aforesaid High Court which is now in the hands of the Sheriff of Madison County and is threatened to be levied on the goods and chattels of said Doyle and his sureties

Now therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do suspend the collection of said forfeiture against Robert Doyle and his sureties until after the meeting of the next Legislature of the State of Mississippi, to the end that the advice and consent of the Senate may be asked to the remission of said forfeiture.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed this the 4th day of December A.D. 1867

By the Governor
E. A. Draughn
Secty of State

B. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To The Superintendent of the Mississippi Penitentiary: Greeting

Whereas at the December Term 1865 of the Circuit Court of Warren County Charles Wheeler (Freedman) was convicted of the crime of Larceny and sentenced to two years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary.

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State do grant unto the said Charles Wheeler (Freedman) a full pardon for said crime of Larceny and do authorize you on receipt of this pardon to discharge him from confinement.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed this the 19th day of December 1867

Benj. G. Humphreys

L S

By the Governor
A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Department,
State of Mississippi,
Jackson December 24th, 1867.

To
The Superintendent of the Mississippi State Penitentiary: Greeting:

Whereas at the Dec. Term 1866 of the Criminal Court of Warren County, Marshall Gibson (freedman) was convicted of the crime of Larceny and sentenced to three years confinement in the State Penitentiary.

Now therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the said Marshall Gibson (freedman) a full pardon for said crime of Larceny and do authorize you on receipt of this pardon to release him from confinement.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, this day and year first above written.

Benj. G. Humphreys

L S

By the Governor
A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary. Greeting

Whereas at the August Term of the Circuit Court of Warren County, Rose E. Tunnin was convicted of obtaining goods under false pretences and sentenced to one year confinement in the Penitentiary

Now therefore I B. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do grant unto the said Rose E. Tunnin a full pardon for said crime and do authorize you upon receipt of these presents to discharge him from further custody

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi this the 9th day of January 1868

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. C. Thompson
Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary. Greeting

Whereas at the May Term of 1867 of the Circuit Court of Hinds County, Hilary Williams and Sarah Williams were convicted of the crime of receiving stolen goods knowing them to be so stolen & sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary for one year,

Now therefore I B. G. Humphreys Governor of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State do grant unto the said Hilary Williams and Sarah Williams a full pardon for said crime and do authorize you upon receipt of these presents to discharge them from further custody

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed this 10th day of January 1868

B. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. C. Thompson
Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Monroe County Greeting:

Whereas at the May Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of Said County, H. V. White Charged with the murder of one William Baily of Itawamba County was found guilty of Manslaughter, and sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail for twelve months.

Now therefore I Benjn G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for divers good and sufficient reasons thereto moving, do grant unto the said H. V. White a full pardon for said crime of Manslaughter, and do authorize you on receipt of these presents, to release him from confinement. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 17th day of January AD 1868

L.S.

By the Governor
A. Brought
Secy of State.

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Tippah County: Greeting:

Whereas at the ~~[illegible]~~ Term 1867, of the Circuit Court of Said County, Jonathan T. Nelson was indicted for the crime of Bigamy, and is now under bond for his appearance in the Circuit Court of Said County for trial.

Now Therefore, I, Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor, of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Said State, and for divers good and Sufficient reasons, me thereto moving, do grant unto Said Jonathan T. Nelson a full pardon for Said Crime of Bigamy; and authorize on receipt of these presents to discharge him from custody.

L.S.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be hereunto affixed this 24th day of January A.D. 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brought
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Yazoo County Greeting:

Whereas William Sandifer stands indicted in the Circuit Court of Yazoo County for killing Wittcamson Kinx in the year 1865.

Now Therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Said State, and for divers good and Sufficient reasons, me thereto moving, do grant unto the Said William Sandifer a full pardon for Said Crime, and authorize a dismissal of Said indictment So pending in the Circuit Court of Yazoo County, and release from custody.

L.S.

In testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 24th day of January 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brought
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To
The Sheriff of Leake County
Greeting

Whereas at the August Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of said County, S. J. Purnell was fined twenty five dollars ($25.) for retailing Spirituous Liquors in less quantity than one Gallon,

Now therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State and for divers good and sufficient reasons, do grant unto the said S. J. Purnell a remission of said fine, and do authorize you on the receipt of these Presents, to refrain from all proceedings to collect the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, this 7th day of February A. D. 1868

By the Governor
E. A. Braughn
Secretary of State

Benjy G. Humphreys

Executive Office,
Jackson, Mississippi,

To the Superintendent of the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Greeting:

At the March Term 1866, of the Criminal Court of Warren County, R. L. Dodge, was convicted of Embezzlement, and sentenced to Two years Confinement in the Mississippi State Penitentiary;

Now therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the said R. L. Dodge a free Pardon for said Crime of Embezzlement and authorize and require of this Present to discharge him from Confinement,

L. S. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 5th day of February, A. D. 1868

By the Governor
E. A. Braughn
Secy of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss

To
All whom these presents Greeting:

Whereas at the January Term 1868 of the Circuit Court of Adams County in the State of Mississippi, A. P. McMillan was indicted for the crime of Robbery

Now therefore I, Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, and for divers good and sufficient reasons, thereto moving me, do grant unto the said A. P. McMillan a full Pardon for said crime of Robbery, and do authorize a discontinuance of all proceedings against said McMillan, on account of said Indictment now pending against him in the Circuit Court of Adams County

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed This 15th day of February 1868

Benj: G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of ~~Lowndes~~ Marshall County:
Greeting:

Whereas at the September Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of said County, James J. Howe, was convicted of an Assault & Battery, and fined Two hundred and fifty ($250.) Dollars.

Now therefore, I Benjy G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do remit said fine assessed upon said James J. Howe, for assault and battery, and authorize you on receipt of these presents to refrain from all further proceedings to collect the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed. This 30th day of February 1868.

Benjy G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss.

To the Sheriff of Lafayette County:
Greeting:

Whereas at the October Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of said Co. S. H. Earthman was convicted of Assault and Battery and sentenced to Sixty days imprisonment, and to pay a fine of Fifty ($50) Dollars.

Now therefore I, Benj. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State do grant a full pardon to said S. H. Earthman, and authorize you on receipt of these presents, to discharge him from custody and refrain from further steps to collect said fine on his payment of all costs.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, This 19th day of February 1868. A.D.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lauderdale County:
Greeting:

Whereas, at the February Term, 1868, of the Circuit Court of said County, Ewit H. Cain was convicted of the charge of Assault with intent to murder Josiah Jones and sentenced to five months imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

Therefore I Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant a full pardon to said Ewit H. Cain, and authorize you you on receipt of these presents, to discharge him from custody and discontinue all proceedings against him on account of said charge, on his payment of all costs.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, This 25th day of February A.D.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of ~~Lowndes~~ Claiborne County,
Greeting:

Whereas, at a recent term of the County Court of said County, Alfred Cairns was fined Twenty five ($25.) Dollars as a defaulting Juror,

Now Therefore, I Benjy. G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me, by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do remit said fine of Twenty five ($25.) Dollars so fined against said Alfred Cairns, as a Defaulting Juror, by the County Court of said County, and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to refrain all further proceedings to collect the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, this 21st day of February, A.D. 1868.

Benjy G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

~~Executive Office Jackson Miss~~

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Superintendent of the Mississippi State Penitentiary:
Greeting:

At the February Term 1866, of the Warren County Criminal Court, Phillip Carroll, was convicted upon a Charge of Assault with intent to Kill, and sentenced to Two Years Confinement in the Mississippi State Penitentiary

Now Therefore, I, Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the Said Phillip Carroll a full pardon for said Crime and authorize you on receipt of these presents to discharge him from Confinement.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 2nd day of March A.D. 1868.

Benjy G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Superintendent of the Mississippi State Penitentiary
Greeting:

Whereas at the August Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of Monroe County, John B. Lowdee was convicted of the Crime of Manslaughter, and Sentenced to three years imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

Now therefore, I, Benjy. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution & Laws of said State, and for divers good & sufficient reasons do grant unto the said John B. Lowdee, a full Pardon for said Crime of Manslaughter, and authorize you on receipt of these presents to discharge him from Custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed This 2nd day of March A.D. 1868.

Benjy. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Monroe County;
Greeting:

Whereas at a late Term of the Circuit Court of said County, J. C. Shoups was convicted of an assault and sentenced to a fine of two hundred, ($200.) Dollars.

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State do remit said fine of two hundred dollars so levied by said Court, and do authorize you on receipt of these Presidents, to refrain from all further proceedings to collect the same, on the payment of all Costs.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, This 3d day of March A.D. 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Warren County:
Greeting:

Whereas at a recent Term of the Circuit Court of Warren County, James M. Hall was convicted for an assault with intent to kill a Mr McLean, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars, and one month's imprisonment in the Warren County Jail

Now therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant a full Pardon to said James M. Hall, and authorize you to discharge him from custody, on his paying said fine of ten dollars $10.00, and all costs,

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed this 5th day of March A. D. 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Broughes
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Supt of the Miss Penitentiary:
Greeting:

Whereas at the February Term 1868, of the Circuit Court of Desoto County Pleasant Thornton, freedman, was convicted of the crime of Grand Larceny, and sentenced to three years confinement in the State Penitentiary.

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do grant unto said Pleasant Thornton, freedman, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, a full Pardon for said Crime of Grand Larceny, and authorize you on receipt of these presents to release him from actual confinement,

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, this 16th day of March 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Broughes
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To The Sheriff of Lowndes County:
Greeting:

Whereas at the October Term 1867. of the Circuit Court of Lowndes Co. C. M. Voiden, and W. W. Whitehead were indicted for Sending and accepting a Challenge to fight a Duel

Now Therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant a full Pardon to said C. M. Voiden and W. W. Whitehead for Sending and accepting a Challenge to fight a Duel, and do by these presents, authorize a dismissal of all proceedings against them, and their discharge from Custody on payment of all Costs.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, This 16th day March 1868.

By The Governor
E. A. Brayfer
Secretary of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To The Sheriff of Franklin County:
Greeting:

Whereas The March Term 1868. of the Circuit Court of the County of Franklin
Dennis Henby was convicted of malicious mischief and sentenced to pay a fine of Three Hundred Dollars, and to be imprisoned in the County Jail Six months.

Now Therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto said Dennis Henby, a full Pardon for said Crime of Malicious Mischief, and authorize said on receipt of these presents, to discharge him from Custody, and refrain from further proceedings to collect said fine, on his payment of all Costs.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of State of Mississippi to be affixed, This 16th day of March, 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By The Governor
E. A. Brayfer
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Lowndes County: Greeting:

Whereas at the October Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of said County Colbohitchee and C. M. Boiden were indicted for sending and accepting a challenge to fight a Duel,

Now therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto said Colbohitchee and C. M. Boiden, a full pardon for sending and accepting a challenge to fight a Duel, and do by these presents, authorize a dismissal of all proceedings against them, and their discharge from custody, on payment of all costs.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, this 16th day March 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Supt of Miss State Penitentiary: Greeting:

Whereas at the May Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of Hinds County Alexander Scott was found guilty of Burglary and sentenced to Twelve Years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary:

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the said Alexander Scott, a full pardon, for said crime of Burglary, and authorize you on receipt of these presents, to release him from confinement.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed. This 16th day of March 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Clarke County, Greeting:

Whereas at the Feb[illegible] Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Clarke County State of Mississippi Hiram H. Skaggs was indicted by the Grand Jury of Said County for the Robbery of Salter and Stockweather

Now Therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Said State do grant unto Said Skaggs a full pardon for Said Robbery, and do by these presents authorize a dismissal of all further proceeding against him, and his Discharge from Custody, on payment of [illegible]

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In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand, and Caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 16th day of March A.D. 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. Brought
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Marshall County: Greeting:

Whereas at the September Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Marshall, Rufus Reynolds was indicted for Robbery

Now therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto Said Rufus Reynolds a full Pardon for Said crime of Robbery, so charged to have been committed by him, and authorize a Dismissal of all proceedings against him on account thereof and his Discharge from custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 20th day of March 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
A. A. Brought
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Marshall County:
Greeting:

Whereas at the March Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Marshall County, M. A. Lockhart, Dollas Antony, and William Goforth were indicted for the Murder of Lucy A. Burke, and Shooting with intent to Kill, one [illegible]

Therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto said M. A. Lockhart, Dollas Antony, and William Goforth a full Pardon for said Crimes, and authorize a Dismissal of all proceedings against them and their Discharge from Custody.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed This 20th day of March 1868.

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Marshall County:
Greeting:

Whereas at the October Term 1867, H. D. King was indicted in the Circuit Court of Marshall County, for making an affray and fighting in a public place with Wm. McAllen, tried, found guilty, and sentenced by the Court to pay a fine of Three Hundred ($300) Dollars, & stand committed with the fine & Costs unpaid.

Now therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto said H. D. King a remission of said fine and authorize you on receipt of these presents, to refrain from further proceedings to collect the same, and discharge him from Custody, on payment of all Costs.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed. This 20th day of March 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Marshall County:
Greeting:

Whereas at the March or July (Special Term) of the Circuit Court of Marshall County, D. A. Mounally was indicted for shooting with intent to Kill, one Isaac Cof. (a freeman).

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto said D. A. Mounally a full pardon for said offence of shooting with intent to Kill &c, with which he stands charged, and do authorize you on receipt of these presents to discharge him from custody and dismiss all further proceedings against him on account of said Charge, on his payment of all costs.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, This 20th day of March A.D. 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Keeper of the Mississippi Penitentiary:
Greeting:

Whereas at the November Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Panola County, Green Darby (freedman) was convicted of the Crime of Larceny, and sentenced to three years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary.

Now therefore I, Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto said Green Darby a full Pardon for said crime of Larceny, and authorize you on receipt of these presents to release him from confinement.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, This 1st day of April A.D. 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive
Jackson

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

at the November Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of Pushe County, John Kuykendall was convicted of Crime of Larceny and Sentenced to three (3) years confinement in the Penitentiary.

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto said John Kuykendall, a full pardon for said Crime of Larceny, and authorize you on receipt of these presents to release him from confinement.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed this 4th day of April A.D. 1868.

Benj G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Superintendent of the Mississippi State Penitentiary: Greeting:

Whereas, one Tilmon T. Riley (alias Emmerson E. D. No. 154,) is now in your charge, under sentence for the crime of Horse Stealing in this State.

Now therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the said Tilmon T. Riley (alias E. D. Emmerson No 154) a full pardon for said crime of Horse Stealing, and authorize you on receipt of these Presents to discharge him from custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed this 4th day of April A.D. 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Superintendent of the Mississippi State Penitentiary: Greeting:

Whereas at the April Term 1868. of the Circuit-Court of Scott County, Henry Cedar was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to Two years of Confinement in the Mississippi State Penitentiary.

Now therefore, I, Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the said Henry Cedar a full pardon for said crime of Larceny, and authorize you on receipt of these presents to discharge him from confinement.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, this 4th day of April A.D. 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To all whom it may concern.
Greeting:

Whereas at the March Term of 1868. of the Circuit-Court of Attala County William Smith was convicted of an assault with intent to Kill and murder one Brennan, and sentenced to Six months Confinement in the Mississippi Penitentiary:

Now therefore, I, Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me, by the Constitution & Laws of said State, do grant unto the William Smith a full Pardon for said Crime, and authorize ~~you~~ the Dismissal of all proceedings against him and his discharge from custody, on his payment off all Costs.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed. This 6th day of April A.D. 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss.

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary:
Greeting:

Whereas at the January Term, 1868, of the Circuit Court of Adams County, Henry Odell (Colid) aged 11 years was convicted of the Crime of Burglary & sentenced to one year confinement in the State Penitentiary:

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto said Henry Odell a full Pardon for said Crime of Burglary and authorize you on receipt of these presents, to discharge him from custody & release him from confinement.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, this 13th day of April A. D. 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Broughes
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary:
Greeting:

Whereas at the January Term 1868, of the Circuit Court of Adams County, Philip Pinckney (Colid) aged 11 years was convicted of Burglary & sentenced to two years confinement in the State Penitentiary:

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto said Philip Pinckney a full Pardon for said Crime of Burglary and authorize you on receipt of these presents to release him from confinement.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, this 18th day of April A. D. 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Broughes
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary
Greeting:

Whereas at the January Term 1868. of the Court of Adams County. Henry Robinson (Colored) aged 12 years was convicted of Burglary & Sentenced to two years confinement in the State Penitentiary.

Now therefore, I, Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto said Henry Robinson a full Pardon for said Crime of Burglary, & authorize you on receipt of these Presents to release him from Confinement.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, This 18th day of April A. D. 1868.

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State.

Benj G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary:
Greeting:

Whereas at the January Term 1868. of the Court of Adams County, George Washington (Colored) aged 12 years, was convicted of the Crime of Burglary, & Sentenced to Two years confinement in the State Penitentiary.

Now therefore, I, Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto said George Washington, a full Pardon for said Crime of Burglary, and authorize you on receipt of these Presents to release him from confinement.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed This 18th Day of April A. D. 1868.

Benj G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive
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To the Sheriff of Carroll County
Greeting:

Whereas at the April Term 1868 of the Circuit Court of [illegible] John L. Tuston was indicted for stealing [illegible] fined the sum of Twenty five Dollars & [illegible]

Therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto said John L. Tuston a Remission of said fine and authorize you on receipt of these Presents to discharge him on payment of all Costs.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed. This 28th Day of April 1868.

Benj G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Winston County and to all whom it may concern: Greeting:

Whereas at the Term 186 of the Circuit Court of Choctaw County an Indictment was found against Burton Potts for Murder.

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, and for divers other good & sufficient reasons thereto moving, do grant unto the said Burton Potts a full Pardon for said crime of Murder, and authorize a dismissal of all proceedings against him on account thereof, and his discharge from custody, on receipt of these presents.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed. This 4th Day of May 1868.

Benj G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

Know all men by these Presents:

That whereas the Legislature of the State of Mississippi passed an act authorizing and empowering the Governor of the State of Mississippi to appoint three (3) directors of the New-Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Rail Road Company, which said act was referred to the Legislature of the State of Louisiana for confirmation, and to the Stockholders of said New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Rail Road Company for their satisfaction. — Now in consideration of the premises and the confirmation of said act by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana and its ratification by the Stockholders of the New-Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Rail Road Company, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by said act, I, Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby appoint Joshua Green, William McWillie and W. B. Thompson, directors of said New-Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Rail Road Company.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, This 25th Day of April A.D. 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys.

By the Governor
C. A. Broughes
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Copiah County: Greeting:

Whereas at the — Term of the Circuit Court of Said County, Paxton Towns was Indicted for the crime of Larceny, and Sentenced to two years Confinement in the Penitentiary

Now Therefore, I, Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the Said Paxton Towns, a full pardon for said crime wherewith he stands charged, and do author a dismissal of all proceedings against him on account thereof and his discharge from custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed This 12th day of May 1868.

L.S.

Benj G Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Broughes
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To The Sheriff of Chickasaw County: Greeting: Whereas, at the April Term of The Circuit Court of Pontotoc County, G. W. Galloway was tried and Convicted for The Crime of Manslaughter.

~~Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State~~

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphrey Governor of The State of Mississippi, by virtue of The authority vested in me by The Constitution and Laws of Said State, do grant unto The Said G. W. Galloway, a full pardon for Said Crime wherewith he Stands Charged, and do authorize a dismissal of all proceedings against him on account thereof and his discharge from Custody.

(L. S.) In testimony Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Caused The Great Seal of The State of Mississippi to be affixed this 13th day of May 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys.

By the Governor
C. A. Broughes
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Lowndes County: Greeting:

Whereas at the Term of the circuit court of said County. Isaac Hood was indicted for the crime of Murder.

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution & Laws of said State do grant unto the Said Isaac Hood a full Pardon for said crime whereunto he Stands charged, and do authorize a dismissal of all proceedings against him on account thereof, and his discharge from custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, This 14th Day of May 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Broughes
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Tippah County; Greeting:

Whereas at the September Term 1866. of the Circuit Court of said County John A. Keith was indicted for the crime of Robbery:

Now therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me, by the Constitution & Laws of said State do grant unto the said John A. Keith a full Pardon for said crime Robbery, whereunto he stands charged, and do authorize a dismissal of all proceedings against him on account thereof, and his discharge from custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed. This 14th Day of May 1868

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Tippah County; Greeting:

Whereas at the September Term 1866. of the Circuit Court of said County Miles Jones was indicted for the crime of Larceny:

Now Therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution & Laws of said State do grant unto the said Miles Jones a full Pardon for said Crime of Larceny whereunto he stands charged and do authorize a dismissal of all proceedings against him on account thereof, and his discharge from custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed. This 14th Day of May 1868.

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Miss.

To the Sheriff of Tippah County: Greeting:

Whereas at the September Term 1866, of the circuit Court of said County Obadiah Richardson was indicted for the crime of Murder.

Now therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution & Laws of said State, do grant unto the said Obadiah Richardson a full Pardon for said crime of Murder whereunto he stands charged, & do authorize a dismissal of all proceedings against him on account thereof, and his discharge from Custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, this 14th Day of May 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Tippah County: Greeting:

Whereas at the September Term 1866, of the circuit court of said County Samuel White was indicted for the crime of Robbery in three sevral cases.

Now therefore, I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution & Laws of said State, do grant unto the said Samuel White a full Pardon for said crimes whereunto he stands charged, and do authorize a dismissal of all proceedings against him on account thereof, & his discharge from custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, this 14th Day of May 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Tippah County: Greeting:

Whereas at the September Term 1866 of the Circuit Court of said County Dallas Gunby was indicted for the crime of Robbery.

Therefore I Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the said Dallas Gunby a full Pardon for said crime of Robbery wherewith he stands charged and do authorize a dismissal of all proceedings against him on account thereof, and his discharge from custody.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed, this 14th Day of May 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Broughes
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary:

Whereas at the May term 1868 of the Circuit Court of Wilkinson County Delphia Smith was convicted of the crime of Larceny and sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary for one year.

Now therefore, I, Benj. G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do grant unto the said Delphia Smith a full pardon; and authorize you on receipt of these presents, to discharge her from custody.

(L.S.)

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed this 26th day of May 1868.

Benj. G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Broughes
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss.

To the Sheriff of Wilkinson County: Greeting.

Whereas on the 1st day of May 1868. P. H. Dow a Justice of the Peace of Said County, tried one William Henry Morgan for the Crime of petit Larceny and fined him twenty dollars, and Sentenced to Confinement in the County Jail for two months, And whereas at the May Term 1868 of the Circuit Court of Said County, Said Wm Henry Morgan was tried under an indictment for attempting to discharge a gun upon Dunoho with intent to Kill, found guilty, and Sentenced to three years Confinement in the State Penitentiary, where he now is undergoing his Sentence.

I Benjamin G. Humphreys, Governor of the State of Mississippi; do therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Said State, do grant unto the Said William Henry Morgan, a full pardon for Said offence of Petit Larceny — for which he stands committed to Jail, under Sentence of P. H. Dow, Justice of the Peace as aforesaid — and authorize his discharge from Custody under Said Charge.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 26th day of May 1868.

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Benj. G. Humphreys

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Hinds County: Greeting:

Whereas at the May Term A.D. 1867 of the Circuit Court of said county, Wm F. Bumford pleaded guilty of an Assault and Battery, and was fined by the Court twenty five Dollars.

Now therefore, I, Benjamin G. Humphreys Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me, by the Constitution & Laws of said State, do grant unto the said Wm F. Bumford a full pardon for said Assault and Battery to which he pleaded guilty, and do authorize you to dismiss all further proceedings against him on account thereof, and desist from collecting the ~~Same~~ said fine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be Affixed, This 29th Day of May A.D. 1868

Benj G. Humphreys

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State